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The Social Progress dinner—the first night of the Northern Baptist Convention—will attract hundreds of delegates. Being held in the Auditorium Hotel (a most convenient meeting place), with Dr. Walter Van Kirk of radio fame as the speaker, this dinner, as in other years, will be a popular feature of the Cleveland Convention.

"Religion in the World of Today," is to be the theme. The time: 5:15 p.m., Tuesday night, May 26th.

Prof. William Mather, Franklin College, chairman of the Council on Social Progress, will preside. Tickets should be secured early.

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NATIONS IN THE NEWS

At the Northern Baptist Convention there will be four classes on missionary themes for 1942-1943 held at eight A.M. On Wednesday and Thursday Dr. Charles S. Detweiler, Secretary for Latin America in the American Baptist Home Mission Society, will lead the study on Latin America, using the book, ON THIS FOUNDATION: The Evangelical Witness in Latin America, by W. Stanley Rycroft.

On Friday and Saturday Dr. Randolph L. Howard, Secretary for Burma and India in the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, will lead the study on his own text, IT BEGAN IN BURMA.

Prospective leaders of classes and all who are interested in the Gospel, and the Nations Today, should come to the Auditorium for these early morning conferences with these Baptist specialists on Latin America and Burma. The Department of Missionary Education has arranged these meetings to help you.

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Prayer, the basic exercise of the spirit, must be actively practiced in our private lives. If the power of prayer is released and used in the lives of common men and women; if the spirit earnestly seeks to know and follow the will of Almighty God, clearly and boldly, there is yet hope that our prayers for a better world will be answered.—*Dr. Alexis Carrel.*

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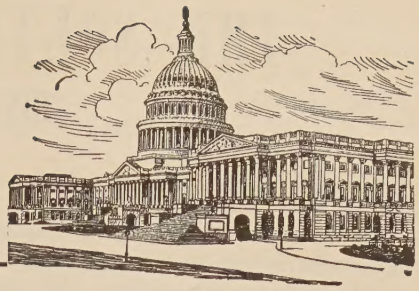

"THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES"

With this issue The United States Baptist enters its fifth ear of service to American Baptists. During the four years ow closed thousands of letters and many articles have been eceived. All have been appreciated, but the following trib- te to Captain Colin P. Kelly, II, who gave his life to his ountry as one of the first heroes of the war, is the most rized. It reached us by Clipper on March 11th. It reveals he spiritual character of a great air man—typical, we elieve, of all our men in the service. It also justifies a housand times the work of the noble Chaplains who min- ster to them. Here it is—our editorial for the month.

Mike Elliott

On the last Sunday of March 1941 the Chaplain lifted p his eyes after the Invocation to survey the Chapel Congregation, crowded in a large room of Hickam Field Operations Building. A few seats were left on the front ow and headed for them was a striking looking young ouple, whom he had not seen before. Their close atten- ion during the service attracted the direct delivery of he Chaplain's sermon. After the service the young man tepped up and said, "I'm Captain Kelly . . . this is my ife—Marion." Further conversation revealed that we ad arrived at Hickam Field, Honolulu, Hawaii, during he same week; the Kellys on the Hunter Liggett and he Tiedts on the Etolin. We had both been entertained n our change of station by mutual friends, Captain and Mrs. George Cole, at Carmel by the Sea. From that day ntil six months later the Kellys were regular Chapel ttendants. Then "Kelly" sailed out "into the wide blue onder" and Marion rteurned to the States.

That Captain Colin P. Kelly, II was a good soldier of is country the Japs would be last to deny. The world nows what he did there. But not many know that he was lso "a loyal soldier of Christ Jesus". His religious faith vas deep and abiding, and not carried on his sleeve. It lid not consist in a lot of petty negatives, but in Christ's Great Commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God vith all thy heart, mind, soul and strength; and thy neighbor as thyself." Pure of mind and clean in body Kelly was the best exemplification of his Alma Mater's Prayer that it has been my privilege to meet. I know his ellow West Pointers would be the first to accord him that nonor. He was not a pious prig but a practical person with wholesome philosophy of life . . . One who saw life clearly, as a whole, and saw it through to glory—not the grave.

Kelly minded his own business, not everybody elses. On a flight with him in his flying fortress, he called it, "my lovely lady", he beckoned me to his seat, stepped aside and said, "I never told you how to run your busi- ness", (May God Bless him!), "but now I am going to teach you a bit of mine". I shall ever regard those min- utes, which a sky-pilot spent on the throne of a great pilot, as among the most sacred of my life. In the words of one of the members of his crew, uttered with all re- spect on that same day, "Captain Kelly is a great guy". "He being dead, yet speaketh."

So well did Kelly know and mind his own business, that on driving about the post and casually stopping at his quarters, Mrs. Tiedt and I saw him for the last time. Little red-headed "Corky", Colin P. Kelly, III had been put to bed. We chatted freely. I mentioned a provisional squadron flying to the Philippines, and touched on some of the high spots in a previous tour at Corregidor. Kelly never mentioned that they had been packing and that he was leaving in the morning. He merely suggested that in several months he would probably get his chance. After he had gone Marion asked, "Chappie, didn't you know Colin was going?" If we had known, Mrs. Tiedt and I would rather have missed a dozen boats from foreign serv- ice than that dinner date at the Royal Hawaiian to which the Kellys invited us.

Although Kelly called his flying fortress "my lovely lady" he thought none the less of his wife. While there were other ladies of the post, whom the Chaplain, as Wel- fare Officer, had to look after, Kelly took care of his wife. He was her man and she was his woman. They were an ideal couple in all respects. Would that every soldier had such a wife as Kelly's. Profoundly sensitive to the best in life I have never seen her shed a tear. May the Lord God of Hosts, the God of Colin P. Kelly, II, solace her with the memory of days that are gone and sustain her as she inculcates in Colin P. Kelly, III, the values and virtues of a noble father.

Elmer E. Tiedt,
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THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

By HIGHT C. MOORE, Secretary

The story of the Southern Baptist Convention is too long for a magazine article, even in bare outline. One can give only a few glimpses here and there in the history of one of the leading religious bodies in the world.

Colonial Churches and Associations

When John Asplund, after eighteen months' investigation requiring him to travel 7,000 miles chiefly afoot through the original states, published the first register of American Baptists in 1790, he was able then to locate 885 churches with 65,708 members. In number of members Virginia led with 20,443. North Carolina came next with 7,503. Massachusetts came third with 7,116. South Carolina came fourth with 4,167. Five other states each had between three and four thousand.

The oldest church listed by Asplund was that of Providence, Rhode Island, which was organized in 1639. The oldest church listed in the South was that of Charleston, South Carolina, which was organized in 1690. None of the eleven other American Baptist churches organized in the seventeenth century was in the South.

The Philadelphia Association, constituted in 1707, with only five churches, is the oldest Baptist Association on the continent. The Charleston Association, constituted about 1720, is the oldest in the South.

The General Convention at Philadelphia

In 1812 when Judson and Rice as Congregational missionaries, sailed for India, there were in America 2,433 Baptist churches with a membership of 189,435. When Judson and Rice became Baptists and called on their American brethren to support their mission, a meeting was called for the organization of a general convention with this end in view.

Accordingly, thirty-three messengers from eleven states met in Philadelphia, May 18, 1814, and organized "The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions," which came to be generally but not officially called the Triennial Convention since it met once in three years. Richard Furman was the first president and Adoniram Judson was the first missionary. It was through this historic body that the entire denomination in this country did its foreign mission work for thirty years.

The Southern Convention at Augusta

The question of slavery, which was acute in the thirties and forties of last century, came up repeatedly without causing rupture in the Convention. Even in 1844, after full discussion, the Convention resolved to be neutral on the subject in its co-operative mission work, though being free as individuals to express their views. However, the action was disregarded in December of that year when the executive board declared: "If any one should offer himself for a missionary, having slaves, should insist on retaining them as his property, we could not appoint him." In April, 1845, the American Baptist Home Mission Society added fuel to the flame by declaring it expedient that its work should be accomplished in separate organizations at the South and at the North. "These two acts on the part of Northern Baptists," says Dr. H. C. Vedder in recording them, "rendered the maintenance of denominational unity impossible."

It was upon call of the Virginia Baptist Foreign Mission Society that a meeting was held in Augusta, Georgia, May 8-12, 1845, attended by 325 messengers from eight states (Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Kentucky) and the District of Columbia. The Southern Baptist Convention was organized and plans laid for the immediate establishmeent of Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions, located respectively at Richmond, Virginia, and Marion, Alabama.

In its official address the Convention declared: "Northern and Southern Baptists are still brthren. They differ in no article of the faith. They are guided by the same principles of gospel order. We do not regard the rupture as extending to foundation principles, nor can we think that the great body of our Northern brethren will so regard it."

That the separation was of signal advantage was the opinion of Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, who said: "It was of advantage to our Northern brethren, because it promoted their peace and union. They could never have been rightly at harmony among themselves as long as their Southern brethren remained in the same organization. It was of advantage to Southern Baptists in different directions, but especially because it developed their missionary enterprise and activity."

Agencies of Southern Baptists

The foreign Mission Board was established at Richmond, Virginia, in 1845. Its first missionaries were Rev. J. L. Shuck, the first American Baptist missionary to China, sent out in 1835, and Rev. I. J. Roberts, also of China. The Board's receipts its first year were $5,824.13.

The Board of Domestic and Indian Missions also dates back to 1845 and was first located at Marion, Alabama. Its first year's receipts were $11,188.80. In 1882 its name was changed to Home Mission Board and it was removed to Atlanta, Georgia.

The original Sunday School Board was located at Greenville, South Carolina, in 1863, removed after the Civil War to Memphis, Tennessee, and in 1873 consolidated with the Home Mission Board which from 1885 published the international lessons in its "Kind Words Series" of periodicals till 1891. The Bible Board located at Nashville, 1851 continued but ten years, its work being stopped by the Civil War and transferred by the Convention to the two Mission Boards. In 1891 the Convention founded the Sunday School Board and located it at Nashville, Tennessee. It's first publications were issued for the first quarter of 1892, and its first year's receipts were $19,574.83.

The Relief and Annuity Board was founded in 1918 and located at Dallas, Texas.

The Education Board was founded in 1919 and located at Birmingham, Alabama. It was discontinued by the Convention in 1928.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was established in 1859 at Greenville, South Carolina, but removed in 1877 to Louisville, Kentucky.

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was chartered in 1908 and in 1910 was removed from Waco to Fort Worth, Texas.

The Baptist Bible Institute was established in 1917 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Woman's Missionary Union with headquarters at Baltimore was recognized in 1888 as Auxiliary to the Convention. In 1928 it was located at Birmingham Alabama.

The Layman's Missionary Movement ates from 1907, with its offices in Baltiore for seven years and in Chattanooga or two years and in Knoxville for wenty-two years. There it became the Baptist Brotherhood of the South in 926. Since 1938 its headquarters have een Memphis, Tennessee.

Masters of Assemblies

The twenty-one presidents of the Conention have been masters of assemblies, worthy of the confidence reposed in them nd worthy to preside over the signifiant sessions that have been held.

The first in the chair was Rev. William 3. Johnson, "the Nestor of the South Carolina pulpit," who presided over three neetings. The next was Dr. R. B. C. Howell, the eminent Biblical expositor nd defender of the faith who served our sessions. The next two meetings were presided over by Dr. Richard Fuler, the celebrated pulpit orator of Baltinore.

Dr. P. H. Mell, of Georgia, one of the world's great parliamentarians, presided over the Convention one period of seven years and another period of eight years, making fifteen in all, which is a half decade longer than any other president ever occupied the chair. Between these wo periods Dr. James P. Boyce held the gavel for eight years with distinction and erved still another year after Dr. Mell's inal retirement, so that he twice succeeded his great predecessor.

In 1889 the gavel passed into the hands of Judge Jonathan Haralson, of the Supreme Court of Alabama, and he held t with marked ability for ten years.

The present tenure of two years is generally accepted, but from 1899 to 1939 the presidential terms were three years excepting that of Dr. Gambrell who was elected for the fourth time at Washington in 1920 and that of Dr. Brown who was prevented by illness from presiding over the Convention at Washington in 1933.

The Convention chair thus passed successively to Hon. W. J. Northen, a leading layman and former Governor of Georgia; to Rev. James P. Eagle, former Governor of Arkansas, who was also a successful lawyer, farmer, and preacher; to Hon. E. W. Stephens, a foremost publisher, journalist, and citizen of Missouri; to Hon. Joshua Levering, a prominent business man of Baltimore, and once Prohibition candidate for the presidency of the United States; to Dr. E. C. Dargan, the distinguished preacher, theological teacher and author, then of Georgia; to Dr. Lansing Burrows, the eminent secretary, statistician and Christian statesman; to Dr. J. B. Gambrell, widely recognized and beloved as the Baptist Commoner; to Dr. E. Y. Mullins, with international reputation as author, theologian, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and President of the Baptist World Alliance; to Dr. George W. McDaniel, renowned as preacher and pastor, and widely recognized as religious and civic leader; to Dr. George W. Truett, outstanding the world over as "a good minister of Jesus Christ," shepherding the First Baptist Church of Dallas forty-five years, President of the Baptist World Alliance presiding over the Congress in Atlanta in 1939; to Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, eminent educator, Seminary Professor of Church History, President of Furman University; to Dr. F. F. Brown, orator of persuasive power, pastor of the shepherd heart, a force for righteousness in the life around him; to Dr. M. E. Dodd, inspirational interpreter of the gospel, genial and gifted in fellowship and leadership; to Dr. John R. Sampey, Bible scholar, teacher of teachers and preachers, President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1929, member of the International Sunday School Lesson Committee since 1895 (succeeding Dr. Broadus) and its chairman since 1915; to L. R. Scarborough, apostle of worldwide evangelism, leader of leaders in the Lord, President of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1908; and to Dr. W. W. Hamilton, trainer of pastors, evangelists, and missionaries, formerly General Evangelist of the Home Mission Board, President of the Baptist Bible Institute since 1928.

Convention Secretaries

The twenty-four Recording Secretaries of the Convention have been elected from seven states. Five were elected from Alabama—Jesse Hartwell, Basil Manly, Jr., James M. Watts, Truman S. Sumner, and Oliver F. Gregory. Five were elected from Kentucky—W. Pope Yeaman, J. Russell Hawkins, M. B. Wharton, C. E. W. Dobbs, and Lansing Burrows. Five were elected from Virginia—James C. Crane, H. K. Ellyson, A. P. Abell, C. C. Bitting, and W. E. Turner. Four were elected from Georgia—Sylvanus Landrum, W. O. Tuggle, G. R. McCall, and J. Henry Burnett. Three were elected from Maryland—Geo. B. Taylor, A. Fuller Crane, and E. Calvin Williams. One was elected from Mississippi—William Carey Crane. One was elected from North Carolina—Hight C. Moore. The longest terms of service have been: Gregory, 39 years; Burrows, 33 years; Moore, 29 years; Burnett, 24 years.

The registration of all accredited messengers to the Convention sessions has reached a grand total of 138,402. Of this number 26,693 were registered at the sessions from 1845 to 1913 and 111,709 from 1914 to 1941 inclusive.

It may be added that the Southern Baptist Convention had a reported representation of 9,804 who paid the $2.50 registration fee at the Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta in 1939.

Briefs from the Book of Numbers

According to Dr. Whitsitt there were in 1845 about 350,000 members in our Southern churches, 100,000 of them slaves; so that 250,000 was the approximate number of White Baptists in the South when the Convention was organized.

The latest figures show that the Convention now embraces 25,259 churches with a total membership of 5,104,327. There are 24,222 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 3,590,374. The reported value of church property is $221,974,479 and the aggregate contributions for the past year were $40,359,038.

The Widening World Field

When the Convention was organized in 1845, it was confined to the states south of the Potomac and the Ohio and east of the Mississippi, two or three of them not being represented.

Today the Convention includes eighteen states and the District of Columbia. The states touching the northern border are Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, southern Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona.

The past is glorious. The present is full of inspiration. The future is radiant with hope. "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

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ORDINATIONS

Archer Weniger and Delbert Kuehl were ordained to the Baptist ministry at a service held in the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Sunday afternoon, March 1. Prayer was offered and scripture read by W. F. Weniger, father of one of the candidates. The sermon was preached by Dr. W. B. Riley, charge to the candidates was given by Rev. Eugene W. Anderson of the Windom Park Church. The ordinating prayer was offered by Dr. R. L. Moyer of the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis. Welcome to the Baptist ministry was given by Rev. Reuben E. Nelson, executive secretary of the Minnesota Baptist State Convention. Dr. Sidney W. Powell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Paul, who had presided at the ordinating council also presided at the ordination service.

S. W. Powell

BAPTISTS AND WORLD RELIEF

By STANLEY I. STUBER

Northern Baptists can be proud of the fact that they are at the top of all the denominations in their interest in, and support of, world relief projects. In a report of the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches, of which John R. Mott is chairman, our Convention was given A-1 rating. It was listed as one of the three denominations which are conducting "energetic campaigns."

Our enthusiastic support of this God-given-Mission has given new life and purpose to our churches. Pastors have found something real to preach about. Members have found a new significance in the Unified Budget and the whole missionary enterprise.

Emphasis upon world relief is growing. We heard it at Trenton, at the Delaware Conference, and at the General Council meeting held recently in Chicago. Both our Home and Foreign Mission Societies are actively engaged in relief projects. Our World Emergency Fund is being used to support the relief work now being conducted by the Church Committee for China Relief, the American Committee for Christian Refugees, the International Missionary Council for Orphaned Missions, American Friends Service Committee, the Central Bureau for European Churches, Y.W.C.A. for Women and Girls in Europe, Y.M.C.A. for War Prisoners Aid, and the American Bible Society. Besides these many other separate projects have been undertaken.

Actually caring for suffering, homeless, helpless people, we are fast discovering, is to render our Lord the highest kind of love and service. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto these my brethren" are words which due to the world crisis, have taken on a new meaning and significance.

"The present mass suffering of the world requires action on the part of the Church in America far beyond anything yet undertaken," says the Findings of the Delaware Conference on the basis of a Just and Durable Peace.

Pointing to the tremendous needs of the present hour, it goes on to say: "Six million young men in the prison camps of the world; scores of millions of refugees —homeless, helpless, starving; whole regions subjected to slow starvation as a result of the policies of states—these and kindred areas of desperate suffering inflicted upon masses of innocent victims challenge the Church to a demonstration of its basic doctrines of human solidarity and brotherhood in a potential family of God. They provide potent opportunities for creating even now, in the midst of war, responses of good will and solid grounds for enduring fellowship."

Do not the malnutrition and slow starvation of millions of innocent victims of war in conquered countries rest heavily upon the Christian conscience? We believe that they do, and that individual Christians, and Christian bodies like the Northern Baptist Convention, will do everything in their power to help better a dreadful situation

It is now clear that many of the most serious relief problems will fall into the period of rehabilitation at the end of the war. For this reason it is most important that we keep our missionary organizations intact. In order to save its own soul now, and to have real spiritual authority in the post-war era, the Church simply must be the Good Samaritan to a suffering world.

Great Themes at Cleveland Convention

The Northern Baptist Convention, to be held in Cleveland, May 26-31, will have some great and timely themes for consideration.

"A Ministering Church in a Stricken World," is the main convention theme. The text is: "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28.

Sub-topics for evening sessions will be: "A Christian World Outlook," "Christ the Hope of the World," "The Church's Redemptive Task," "Equipping the Church for Reconstruction Days."

Four open forums will be built around the following subjects: 1. "Looking Toward an Enduring Peace," 2. "The Church's Place in Our Industrial Age," 3. "The Evangelistic Task," 4. "Missions in Tomorrow's World."

Refuse Resignation of Rev. Chas. P. MacGregor

After serving the First Baptist Church of Penacook, N. H. for eleven years, Rev. Charles P. MacGregor recently presented his resignation, intending to retire permanently from the pastorate. By unanimous vote, the Church refused to accept the resignation, and he has consented to continue pastoral service indefinitely. Mr. MacGregor is also General Secretary of the New Hampshire Council of Religious Education, which position he has occupied for seventeen years. Previous pastorates have been in Bayonne, N. J., Pittsfield, and Lawrence, Mass., and First Baptist Church, Manchester, N. H.

Van Kirk to Broadcast

Dr. Walter Van Kirk, widely known for his weekly radio broadcast entitled, "Religion in the News," and for his vital leadership as Secretary of the Department of International Justice and Good-will of the Federal Council of Churches, will speak at the Social Progress dinner on Tuesday evening, May 26, to be held in conjunction with the Northern Baptist Convention at Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Van Kirk will speak on the subject of a just and durable peace, which theme has been emphasized by the Council for Christian Social Progress of the Northern Baptist Convention throughout the past year. Professor William G. Mather, Chairman of this Council, will preside.

Everett N. Case Is New Head of Colgate University

Hamilton, N. Y.—Colgate University, one of our Baptist institutions, has a new president. Everett N. Case, assistant dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, was elected as ninth president Thursday, February 19, at the trustees' meeting in New York City. He succeeds Dr. George Barton Cutten, who is scheduled to retire August 31 after twenty years of service. He will be one of the speakers at the Northern Baptist Convention, Cleveland, May 20-31.

New York—The war may be a factor in the increased giving to the church. The Northern Baptist Convention reports that its missionary giving, at home and abroad, is up 8.63% over the increase of last year. The total Unified Budget for the fiscal year 1941-42 is $2,500,000. Of this total there should have been received by January 31st $1,874,997. The actual receipts to January 31st were $1,732,899. Receipts are therefore $142,098 less than budget requirements. But the receipts for the same period last year were $1,595,251. Thus the receipts are 108.63% of those of the same period last year, and therefore are in excess by $137,648. Extra giving to world relief projects of nearly $600,000 has, according to denominational officials, encouraged giving to ordinary missionary work, which they say, is more necessary now than ever before.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION MEETS

San Antonio, Texas, May 16-20

By WALTER M. GILMORE

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in its eighty-seventh session, ninety-seventh year, in the city of San Antonio, Texas, beginning Saturday morning, May 16, and running through Wednesday noon, May 20. This is a departure from the general custom for many years of meeting in the middle of the week and closing Sunday. Of course it is an experiment.

The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will meet on Thursday morning, May 14, and close Friday night. Preliminary meetings of the Union will be held Wednesday. Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Plattsburg, Missouri, who has served as president of the Union since it met in Washington in May, 1933, will preside.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, will complete his term of office (two years) at this session. One of the interesting features of the Convention will be the election of a new president on Monday afternoon. The past three presidents have been presidents of our theological seminaries—Drs John R. Sampey, L. R. Scarborough, and W. W. Hamilton. For the first forty-three years of the Convention only preachers served as presidents. Then for twenty-one years only laymen were presidents. Since 1910 only ministers have been elected.

Special Features

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, or his alternate, Dr. T. D. Brown, pastor of the First Church of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, will preach the annual convention sermon Saturday morning. The present Governor of Texas, Coke Stevenson, presented by Pastor Perry F. Webb, will welcome the Convention. Dr. T. F. Calaway, pastor of the First Church of Thomasville, Georgia, will speak Saturday afternoon on "The Theological Education Now Needed." Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, who is closing his work as superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Board, Atlanta, to begin his duties as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida, will be in charge of the discussion on Evangelism Monday morning. Dr. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Orlando, Florida, will speak on "The Missionary Challenge of the New South." On Tuesday evening, Dr. George W. Truett, Dallas, Texas, will speak on "The Baptist Witness in Post-War Reconstruction." And Dr. Pat M. Neff, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, will close the Convention Wednesday morning with an address on "The World Situation and Baptist Response."

Sunday will be devoted to sermons in the churches and to mass meetings in the Municipal AEuditorium Sunday afternoon and night in charge of Secretary Charles E. Maddry, of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, and Dr. J. B. Lawrence, of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Secretary, J. E. Lambdin, of the Baptist Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, will put on a program Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8:00, when the Home Mission program begins.

The Committee on Order of Business, of which Editor Victor I. Masters of the Western Recorder, Louisville, is chairman, has provided for a fifteen minute discussion following the presentation of each major item. Microphones will be provided throughout the Auditorium for the convenience of those who desire to take part in the discussions. The speakers will be limited to five minutes. This is somewhat of an innovation.

The City of San Antonio

While San Antonio may be "deep in the heart of Texas," it is far off from the center of the Convention territory, and there have been many fears expressed that the attendance this year would be greatly reduced. However, the Convention has never met in San Antonio and many throughout the country will want to visit this far-famed city at this time, with its Alamo, the Shrine of Texas Liberty, and numerous other natural and historic places of interest. Despite the numerous military activities, the people of San Antonio have assured us of ample hotel facilities and fair treatment. You may expect a cordial reception, and you may expect the largest attendance in the history of the Convention, with one or two possible exceptions.

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God's promises and His commands are inseparable. When God commanded Abraham, "Get thee out," He also gave him the promise, "I will make of thee a great nation." Large accumulations of blessings await those who obey Christ's commands.

—*George Bowen of Bombay.*

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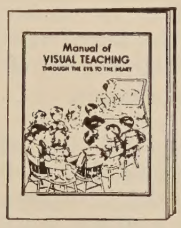

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NEWS DIGEST . . . By William Park

THE CATHOLIC HERALD OF LONDON REPORTS that "a plan is afoot whereby the Russian Orthodox churches in most of the Nazi-dominated countries of Europe are to be welded together into a unified Orthodox Church under German protection with its patriarchate in Breslau."

IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE NATIONAL SERVICE BOARD for Religious Objectors in Civilian Public Service camps. be permitted to volunteer for medical and relief work along the Burma road. There are more than 2,100 religious objectors in Civilian Service camps.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, as of January 1, 1942, had supplied U. S. soldiers and sailors with 447,871 volumes; U. S. camps and ships with 450 pulpit Bibles; French and Belgian churches with 41,885 Bibles; war prisoners and refugees with 155,269 volumes in 17 languages; $25,513.66 worth of paper and supplies for Netherlands Indies (45 tons) and 7,000,000 (estimated) volumes distributed during 1941 in the U. S. alone, in 99 languages. Brazil has asked for one million New Testaments and 197,000 volumes are being prepared for use among Russian prisoners in Germany.

DR. CLARENCE W. KEMPER, DENVER, was recently a member of the staff of the National Christian Mission of Sioux City, Ia., together with Dr. Frederick F. Shannon of Chicago, Dr. C. Jeffares of New York, Dr. Parr Armstrong of Kansas City. These four leaders spoke before 65 groups during the week of the Missions.

THE Y.M.C.A. HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT to turn over all its facilities outside the U. S. for use in ministering to the men in service, the work is to be carried on under the supervision of the USO. Property valued at $2,500,000 has already been turned over according to a report by Dr. Louie D. Newton.

THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, Cleveland, Ohio, has asked that Charles E. Coughlin, Roman Catholic priest and publisher of Social Justice, be interned for the duration.—*This Changing World.*

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH at Abernathy, Texas, led by Pastor J. F. Nix, have shipped to Buckner Orphans' Home, Dallas, Texas, a carload of threshed grain.

DR. JOHN R. MOTT, at the age of 76, has resigned as chairman of the International Missionary Council, a position he held for 32 years. He also retires from all public responsibility after 54 years of world-wide service, including the Student Volunteer Movement, Laymen's Missionary Movement, Y.M.C.A. and other organizations.

TIME NEWSMAGAZINE reports that "Troops were recently quartered in five Protestant churches of a southern California town."

THREE THOUSAND BIBLES in their native language are on the way to the Luba Lulua people in the heart of the Belgian Congo, printed in England during the past three years, and shipped via New York.

EDITORS OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST PAPERS met in Memphis, Tenn., recently, being entertained in the Baptist Memorial Hospital and provided rooms in the Hotel Annex. This is the largest Baptist Hospital in the world. During 1941 17,434 patients were admitted for treatment, of which 5,287 were charity patients. Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta was the speaker at the banquet.

THE NINTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, CINCINNATI, vacated by Dr. H. N. Geistweit, who recently went to the First church, Elmira, N. Y., has called Dr. William S. Abernathy of Washington as supply pastor.

THE ELEVEN BAPTIST CHAPLAINS AT FORT JACKSON, S. C. have organized a Baptist chaplains fellowship, electing as president Chaplain Roy F. Reynolds, of St. Louis, Chaplain Richard L. Johnson, Arkansas, as vice-president and Chaplain John G. Lambrides of Maryland, as secretary.

REV. HOWARD A. VERNON, pastor of the Englewood Baptist church, Chicago, has been re-elected president of the Chicago Church Federation. After 18 years as chairman of the civic relations committee Rev. Philip Yarrow, pastor of the Pilgrim-Mayflower Congregational church, has retired, although he continues as chairman of the Chicago Vigilance Association which was organized 17 years ago.

IN THE PAST 25 YEARS THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS sold 141,387 copies of Goodspeed's New Testament. The Press reports that of the "12 books which have had the largest circulation in the past 50 years of publishing, 7 are religious."

THE 24TH DENOMINATION TO VOTE to become a member of the Federal Council of Churches is the Church of the Brethren. These 24 denominations report a membership of 25,964,062.

AT THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY, Ft. Worth, Texas, Dr. J. M. Dawson of Waco, Texas, delivered the Holland Foundation Lectures, Dr. J. W. Bruner delivered the Founders' Day address, and Dr. Austin Crouch delivered three addresses.

DR. EARLE V. PIERCE OF MINNEAPOLIS was the speaker at a Bible conference held in the First church, Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, pastor. This church received over 400 new members last year and contributed for religious purposes over $85,000.

WHEN THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION met in Atlanta they were confronted with the problems of caring for the 126 missionaries stationed in the Far East. They launched a campaign to raise $300,000 in April for this purpose. Southern Baptists are also financing the publication of 30,000 copies of the New Testament in Finland to be distributed in Russia.

DR. CHARLES E. MADDRY, secretary of foreign missions for Southern Baptists, was in Honolulu on December 7. In reporting he told of a Baptist missionary who "saw a metal plate that had been removed from a Japanese bomber that had been shot down. On the plate was the inscription: " . . . Corporation, New Jersey, U.S.A." Commenting further Dr. Maddry said: God grant that America shall never experience what I saw in Honolulu. May He forgive America for her senseless and greedy policy of continuing for four years to sell oil, gasoline, scrap iron and airplane engines to Japan for the destruction of helpless China and the death of untold millions of innocent men, women and children. It has come back to us in fearful judgment."

THE COLUMBIA, MO., CHURCH has called Rev. G. E. Bartlett of the Calvary church, Syracuse, N.Y., as pastor, succeeding Rev. Bradford S. Abernathy, who accepted a position with the Federal Council of Churches.

DURING THE FIVE YEARS DR. PERRY F. WEBB has been pastor of the First church, San Antonio, Texas, the membership has grown from 3,693 members to 6,497. In this time the church has become second in church membership, second in Sunday school enrollment, and second in net membership gains in the Southern Convention.

THE MOODY MEMORIAL CHURCH, CHI-GO, plans to celebrate the 150th an-versary of the birth of Charles G. Fin-y in June.

THE DRINK BILL IN BRITISH COLUM-A last year was reported at $17,590,-2. Canada spent enough for liquor to uild 400 small warships.

THE "SAVE THE CHILDREN FEDER-ION" reports that it has helped more an 750,000 children in the southern ountains in the past ten years. The Fed-ation raised $752,000 in 1941. The in-rnational organization helped 11,000 ritish children.

THE PROVIDENCE BIBLE INSTITUTE ASTORS' AND WORKERS' CONFERENCE to held April 14-17 will feature as leaders r. John W. Bradbury, Dr. Normal B. arrison, Dr. B. H. Shadduck, Rev. arold W. Arthur, Rev. Ivan Allbutt and oward W. Ferrin.

REV. AND MRS. O. P. MADDOX in their 5 years of missionary service in Brazil nder the Southern board have seen Bra-lian Baptists grow from 6,000 to 60,000.

THE AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN'S RE-EARCH FOUNDATION, Chicago, reports at 55% of the 428 saloon licenses in ahu were held by Japanese and that many Americans believe that the use alcohol played a prominent part in e Pearl Harbor tragedy." The Watch-an-Examiner says, "If our country ountry wishes this war fought with any egree of efficiency, it must realize that cohol-soaked men are not the best ma-rial to provide victories." Write your ongressmen urging that Public Enemy o. 1 be eliminated. Remember Pearl arbor.

WHEN THE MAYOR OF MILWAUKEE ade a speech in Minneapolis on the ccasion of the 20th anniversary of the win City Luthern Fellowship he said at religion should be allowed to sit at e peace table when the war is over. The church," he said, "has taken its and on the side of democracy because emocracy allows for freedom of reli-ion.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MINNE-OTA has ruled that public school children ay be released from school for religious struction. The classes must not meet school property.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U.S.A., as launched a campaign to raise $1,000,-00. for their United World Emergency und.

THE ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. GLENNON, T. LOUIS, has advised his parishiners gainst hasty war marriages. He is quoted s saying: "Some of the people who come ack from war are disillusioned and some of the brides who remain at home are disillusioned also."

IT IS REPORTED THAT AS MANY AS 80% of the ministers in Germany are in mil-itary service. There is a great shortage in theological students in the seminaries.

A CHAPLAIN WRITES that "the erection of the chapels in the army camps is the greatest recognition given to God in the history of our military forces." Another Chaplain reports the attendance in his camp so large it requires two services each Sunday morning and another Chap-lain calls his week-night service "The Chapel Club."

WHEN MASSACHUSETTS BAPTISTS RAISE $7,000 they will receive from other sources gifts amounting to $9,000.

GYPSY SMITH, EIGHTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, recently conducted special meetings in the First Church, Minneapolis. Al-though the church seats 3,000, hundreds of people were turned away each night.

THE MUTUAL BROADCASTING COMPANY is giving daily at six o'clock in the even-ing every week a one minute prayer. The movement is called America's Prayer Minute, and the prayers are written by Protestant ministers at the request of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council.

ON FEBRUARY 15TH CHINA BEGAN HER 4,639TH YEAR of existence as a nation, the oldest nation in the world today. This is China's fifth year of invasion and she has been a republic for about 30 years.

DR. EDGAR GODBOLD, SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS for Missouri for 12 years has accepted the call to become presi-dent of Louisiana College, Pineville, La. Before going to Missouri he was presi-dent of Howard-Payne College, Brown-wood, Texas.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REP-RESENTATIVES voted 70 to 29 for a re-turn to prohibition in place of the present licensed package store system of selling alcoholic beverages. It must be passed by the Senate and approved by the Gover-nor.

DR. ALVA W. TAYLOR HAS BECOME EX-ECUTIVE SECRETARY of the Conference of Southern Mountain Workers, with head-quarters in Berea, Ky.

THERE WERE 1,800 DELEGATES AT THE MEETING of the International Council of Religious Education in Chicago. More than 30 denominations cooperate, which includes about 80% of the Protestants in this country. At the meeting they launched the United Christian Education Advance, very similar to the Baptist Church School Advance of the Northern convention.

Rev. Hugh A. Heath, D.D.

After a brief illness, Rev. Hugh A. Heath, D.D., of Newton Centre, Massa-chusetts, for twenty-four years General Secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention until his retirement in July, 1940, passed through death into the larger life in which he so strongly be-lieved, on March 10, 1942, at the age of 74. Dr. Heath was born in Jackson, Minnesota.

In 1913 he became General Secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention, serving until 1919, when he was called to the General Board of Promotion of the Northern Baptist Convention, where he served for three years as Director of the Department of Conventions and Conferences. In 1922 he again became General Secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention, serving until June 30, 1940, when he retired. He continued, however, as a member of the Finance Committee of the Convention.

For a quarter of a century Dr. Heath was a recognized and beloved leader of Massachusetts Baptists. The years of his service as General Secretary saw a sig-nificant growth in the membership of the churches and in the strength of the Convention. His service to the Conven-tion was widened in its scope, its fnuds increased from about $575,000 to $1,-265,000, and its staff was greatly enlarged.

He was married in 1896 to Flora Nor-throp Robinson, daughter of the late Otis Hall Robinson, professor of astron-omy at the University of Rochester. He is survived by his wife and three children, Dr. Louise R. Heath, head of the de-partment of philosophy at Hood Col-lege, Frederick, Maryland, Mrs. Lewis F. Knapp, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the Rev. Otis R. Heath, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Newton.

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, March 13, in the Immanuel Baptist Church, Newton, of which Dr. Heath was a member and of which his son is the pastor. The services were in charge of Rev. Everett C. Herrick, D.D., President of Andover Newton Theologi-cal School, assisted by Rev. Charles N. Arbuckle, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Newton Centre, Rev. Albert C. Thomas, D.D., pastor of the First Bap-tist Church, Providence, Rhode Island, and Rev. Isaac Higginbotham, D.D., General Secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention.

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There are four things that come not back—the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life and the neglected opportun-ity.—*Arabian Proverb.*

D.D.'s For Ministers

WILLIAM A. ELLIOTT

DO STICK TO YOUR LAST. This exhortation is all right if one knows knows and appreciates the size of his last. Often the preacher is told to stick to his last by some lawless fellow in the community who wants to run riot without interference. Often the liquor men resort to such advise: "Let the minister stick to his last." It is the subterfuge of every man who wants to trample the laws of God and man. He takes refuge behind this slogan: Stick to your last.

But I use the phrase for a different purpose. I would have the minister stick to his last, because it is his high privilege and bounden duty to do so. His last is the proclamation of the glorious gospel of the Son of God, the building up of the believers in the most holy faith, and to so discipline and train those under his ministry that they may become disciples and doers of the word in the best sense. When the voice of materialism and militarism may be heard high above every other sound today, how important that the preacher stick to his last.

To stick to one's last is to be so devoted to one's ministry that nothing can turn one aside. He gives the first and last full measure of devotion to the work to which he was called. The minister is first and last the spokesman of God, and the representative of spiritual things in the world. Let him not betray his trust. Let him commit himself beyond recall to his task. It is a large last, and sticking to it will lead him into many paths of services, to high privileges, and into fields of usefulness few men ever know.

Sticking to one's last, instead of narrowing and circumscribing the minister and his field of influence, greatly widens it and greatly increases his power for good. Having taken up your last, stick to it.

DON'T ALLOW MOLE-HILLS TO BECOME MOUNTAINS. Mole-hills are often our pastoral and ministerial troubles, and the tendency on the part of us all is to magnify these petty ills until they grow large and ominous. I suppose it is possible for one to get one's eye so near a mole-hill that it seems to be a mountain.

I know it is possible to live so close to our troubles, that they obscure the whole landscape of our lives. What we all need in such hours is perspective. The nearer one gets to a hills the larger an steeper it seems. Even mountains d not frighten one when seen from afa Distance, not only lends enchantment but it often serves to take away fea and dread of the close-up view.

How much more serious and threaten ing the petty ills of Sunday seem whe Sunday night comes, than when looke back upon from Friday. Distance ha softened the outlines, and smoothe down the rough places, of the dark expe rience. For this reason it is always bet ter not to resign under the strain an pressure of some Sunday provocation but to allow the aggitated mind to sim mer for another week.

It is surprising how the mountain dwarfs, and the landscape clears, and the hubbub of the parsonage quiets down Mole-hills never are mountains, they just sometimes seem so. "They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength," and often the strength and the clearing sky and the serenity of the troubled heart, come from the waiting.

Don't stumble, much less fall, over mole-hills. The ability to take contrary winds in his face, is the mark of a strong man.

In these disturbing and faith-destroying days it is good for the minister to be "Strong and of good courage."

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C. F. BANNING

Now upon a certain day the prophet did go to the place where one speaketh unto a black instrument in a small room when no man listeneth and behold his voice is heard far and wide.

Now many days irney beyond the Jordan sat the mother the prophet and she did hear. A tear joy came to her eyes as she said, "It my son." Likewise a Sabbath day's irney away sat the sons of the proet and his wife and they did shout h joy as they heard his voice. Moreer, a poor lonely soul who needed the ssage which the prophet gave, but ew him not, heard. Her heart was ached. She did write and tell him what and strength came to her as she ard the message across the miles but ew not him who spake.

After the sun had gone down the proet did kneel by his bed and speak and oss the miles somewhere there was e who did hear and answer and he did d faith and courage and hope unto prophet even as the prophet had sent p to one in need whom he knew not.

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First Church, Milwaukee Celebrates

First Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisnsin observed its Centennial with a thday Banquet and "Parade of the st" on February 19th, and three spel services on Sunday, the 22nd. E. Ley Dakin is pastor.

At the Banquet, greetings were brought Hon. Carl Zeidler, Mayor of Milaukee; Dr. Ezra G. Roth, State Bap Executive Secretary; Dr. Robert ordon, of Kenosha, Wis., a former Pas; representatives of the Council of urches and neighborhood churches, and former members and friends. Five of seven people who have been members 50 years or more were present as cial guests.

Under the pastorate of fifteen years, average of 77 people have been reved into the membership of the urch—more than 40% of the total mbership over the hundred years. is is one indication of the fact that s church faces a real challenge as it ks to serve a largely expanded comnity of rooming house and apartment se constituency.

CHURCH JANITORS

By R. LOFTON HUDSON
Portland, Tennessee

You have read articles on almost every phase of church activity except that of janitors. There are manuals for ushers, handbooks for clerks, and books for the guidance of every church worker—except the janitor. Of course, the janitor is an employee of the church, not an officer. And for this reason it is assumed that some executive committee of the church, such as a Custodian Committee of the Deacons, will attend to this detail of efficiency. But often it is not attended to. It is not an uncommon sight in churches to see dusty benches, dirty floors, cobwebbed walls, and ill-arranged hymn books; to say nothing of the good sermons which have been ruined by improper heating or bad ventilation. In the smaller churches the janitor holds a more important place proportionately than in the larger ones—and most Southern Baptist churches are small ones. In churches of fewer than five hundred members, the janitor's shoulders must often bear the responsibility of functioning as a welcome committee, and sometimes as that of a discipline committee, for the early "comers"; of being sole arbiter of what constitutes the proper humidity, oxigenation, and temperature of the rooms, and of many other important details, varying with the local situations. And woe unto the poor fellow who tries to please all. He will need to be both a saint and a scientist.

A janitor may be a thorn in the flesh to a pastor. What pastor has not at sometime had to tolerate some old half-blind, vinegar faced saint who kept neither his own house nor the house of God clean, who recognized that he was underpaid and was determined not to overwork, whose sense of beauty was about as well developed as that of a savage, and whose circulation was so bad that he could shiver in a room of 80 degrees? But my janitor is not like that. He magnifies his office. Though illiterate, one-armed, and poor, he is a great source of joy and inspiration to his pastor. Though a converted drunkard, he has a keen practical mind, a pride in his church, a sympathy for his pastor, and a sense of humble generosity in any phase of service. He believes that when his pastor comes to his study on week days that his work is too important for him to lose time and get dirty building his own fires. Building fires every morning is not in his $20 a month contract, either; it comes out of his heart. He asks his pastor for suggestions about the cleanliness and beauty of the building and grounds. He works with the ushers to keep his pastor's sermons from being hindered by improper physical conditions. On Sunday mornings and evenings when his pastor is in his study making final preparations, he shields him from early coming stragglers; or in some cases, brings a stranger in for introduction or counsel. If there is a letter to be mailed, a bill to be changed for church offiering, or an aspirin to be purchased, he is standing near with "Anything I can do for you this morning?" The women do not have to complain about unprepared rooms for their week day meetings. The basement is cheerfully cleaned after, sometimes "messy," church socials. And too, it is not so much that the work is done, but the spirit with which it is done. Can anyone blame a pastor for profound gratitude for such a janitor? As seldom as one may have thought of it, a janitor can do a great deal to make a pastor's work enjoyable.

This may seem to be a small matter, hardly worth our thought, but fundamental impressions, conscious or otherwise, harmful or healthful, may follow from the efficiency of a church janitor. A church building that has dust lying around on its window sills arouses the suspicion that nobody lives there. And when the back of a clean white dress shows the dust collected by slipping over a little for someone else to be seated, a churchgoer not too religious might find an excuse for not returning. Children have been known to go from clean, carpeted, curtained homes to half-kept, barren, ugly churches and wonder why God does not take better care of His houses. The church building ought to be the best building in the community, and the best kept. It certainly is bad psychology to teach the child cleanliness, neatness, and beauty in the home and school, and then show him his worst examples of these in the one place which symbolizes the highest and best in life. These things are related to the work of the janitor. It is no surprise that a preacher who had had a great deal of experience with various kinds of churches said that if he had the money he would endow a school for church janitors.

It would be presumptuous to outline the duties of the janitor. It would be carrying coals to Newcastle. Rather, it does seem important to remind those who have the care of the churches that even this humblest job is a sacred task. Blessed is the janitor who feels that he is serving God rather than merely making

a living. He will, if that is his attitude and his character is sufficiently steadfast do a better job of keeping the sanctuary. But whether the janitor is inclined to do well or poorly, of his own accord, the proper ones in the church should see that such matters are cared for and that the pastor does not have to "serve tables" in this respect. Recently, the writer helped a man in an evangelistic meeting in a small quarter-time church. The members were not poor nor uninformed. But their ideals about this particular phase of the church work were so low that they permitted the pastor to build his own fires for the day services. Such things should not be allowed, even in small churches. If the church cannot include the work of janitor in the budget, there should be found some person or persons who will serve in this capacity out of pure love. I say this because there are still churches which depend on volunteer janitor service.

Many times the janitor is under-rated, underpaid, and (underthanked.) The most we can expect from them is that they do what they are paid to do. But the least we can do for them is to appreciate a job well done. The use to which the church building is put adds sanctity to their tasks. And the nature of the Christian religion requires that honor be attached even to the humble tasks of life. Therefore, let us see that the job is done as well as possible, recognize the care taken by those who do their best, and remember the words of the Psalmist who said, "I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

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Long Terms of Service

Since we began recording "long terms of service" a number of papers have taken notice of such features. Recently Rev. Walter P. Halbert, reporting in the Watchman-Examiner, states that among Indiana pastors who have been in their present pastorates 10 years or more are William Melton, Connersville, 22 years; J. W. Kinnett, New Castle, 22 years; U. S. Clutton, Tuxedo Park, Indianapolis, 35 years; A. A. Cohn, Seymour, 18 years; W. H. Dillard, North Vernon, 15 years; L. R. Berry, First, Fort Wayne, 14 years; A. J. Eperson, First, Terre Haute, 10 years; C. A. Metz, Lebanon, 12 years; R. H. Lindstrom, Southport, 13 years; Olive McGuire, executive secretary, Indianapolis Association, 10 years; L. C. Trent, Woodruff Place, Indianapolis, more than 15 years; J. F. Rake, First, Evansville, more than 25 years and Robert White, Marion, more than 10 years.

Also Dr. Harold N. Geistweit, 13 years with the Ninth Street Church, Cincinnati, who has accepted the First church, Elmira, N. Y. . . . Rev. A. G. Bergner, who has just retired after serving the St. James Evangelical Lutheran church, Detroit, 51 years . . . Rev. Paul B. Watlington, 15 years with the First church, Hagerstown, Md. . . . Dr. Henry W. Tiffany, 12 years with the Park Place church, Norfolk, Va. . . .

And Dr. Samuel M. Lindsay, 20 years pastor of the First church, Brookline, Mass. . . . Dr. Luther Little, 24 years pastor of the First church, Charlotte, N. C. . . . Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, 10 years pastor of the Tabernacle church, Raleigh, N. C. . . . Dr. John J. Wicker, 11 years president of Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, Va. . . . Rev. George O. Webster, 19 years with the Federated churches of Essex, N. Y. and 50 in the ministry . . . Dr. A. T. Brooks, 21 years pastor of the Dudley Street Church, Boston.

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HON. PAUL FARTHING, CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION has served nine years on the supreme Court of Illinois. He is totally blind but has written more opinions than any other member of the court.

OPEN LETTER TO LOCAL CHURCH TRUSTEES

Dear Board Members:

You are no doubt staying awake nights just now thinking about your church's budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1942. Perhaps no problems are claiming more of your attention than those of your church. You are devoting unusual attention to its tasks during these perilous days because you are convinced that nothing is of more vital importance than keeping firm the foundations of faith.

May I intrude for a moment upon your thinking to make a suggestion? Here it is. Please be sure to include, in your budget, provision for Retiring Pension Fund dues for your pastor. If he is not a member, you certainly will want to make possible his membership at once. Join the scores of other churches that will be providing for this matter in their budgets for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1942.

Over 52 million American employees are now provided for through the Federal Social Security Plan. Some industrial concerns are continuing their own retirement arrangements as a means of supplementing the minimum government pensions. There are likewise certain professional pension plans in full operation. Moreover, almost 100% of the ministers of the Episcopalian, Methodist, Presbyterian, and other major denominations are assured of pensions for which the church pays the entire cost or shares the cost with the pastors themselves.

It must be remembered that a serious proposal has been made in government circles to include ministers in the Federal Social Security plan. Unanimously, leaders of all denominations protested this move, regarding it a serious threat to the honored Baptist principle of separation of church and state. They feel that there is greater danger in permitting the government camel to push his proverbial head under the church tent. It is not likely that the churches will be *forced* into paying Social Security taxes in behalf of their pastors *if* they participate promptly in the pension plans of their own denominations. Otherwise, there is danger.

Baptist churches are committed to the practice of justice and the maintenance of the independence of the church and of the freedom of religion. Your church is deeply interested in these aims.

Won't you, therefore, give immediate and earnest consideration to the fundamentally important matter of providing for the payment of your pastor's pension dues in the budget of your church to which you are now giving such earnest consideration.

Yours in the interest of a vital ministry,

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Washington, D. C.—Churches, lodges and other organizations may now invest their funds in sums as low as $18.50 since the announcement of Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, adding the $25 denomination (maturity value) to the Series "F" United States Savings Bonds of Defense. Since the sale of Defense Savings Bonds of Series "E" is restricted to individuals, Secretary Morgenthau explained, many small organizations found it difficult or impossible to participate in the Defense Savings Program, as the smallest denomination of bond available for issue to them was the $100 denomination of Series "F". With the addition of this smaller denomination, participation of the smaller organizations is assured.

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DEACON WILLIAM FLEMING OF THE BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH, Ft. Worth, Texas, has given $150,000 for the erection of a new church building. Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins is pastor.

A NEW CHAPTER IN COOPERATION

By MABELLE RAE LeGRAND

The most important thing for and about WOMEN today is the fact that the new United Council of Church Women is a real organization and really represents ten million Protestant women of seventy thousand communities in our own country. Final action was taken in Atlantic City during the very week (of Dec. 1941) that our beloved country was being attacked. This made the action a very serious matter and all will remember the time and place, through the years. Perhaps there was a special significance in the coming together of so many women and groups representing the Christian way of Life in one land, with the under current of real fellowship, which may mean that we shall begin to hope and to plan for a world wide fellowship that shall cut across all lines of color, nation, race and creed.

It seems quite apropos here to repeat a dream of Mrs. Welthy Honsinger Fisher as expressed some years ago in a Day of Prayer service in one of our large cities. Here it is. She expressed the assurance that some day there will be a Woman's Peace Table. In her dream, the Japanese women would be the Hostesses because there are no other people who so well know the art of being gracious. (She referred, of course, to the real Japanese who are not always dominated by a cruel military spirit). The Women of India would lead the Devotions because they are the most devotional of us all. The Chinese would be the General Managers, for these able people, and especially the women, are really good executives. When asked just where the American women would appear in the picture, she said they would be on the outside hurrying everybody inside. Typical of America, always hurrying themselves and everybody else. What shall we gain if we do not stop to worship and confer?

To return to the new order for American Protestant women it seems best to quote some bits from the story of the beginnings as taken from the pages of The Church Woman, the official publication of these ten million women of the United Council. Miss Mable Head, chairman of the constitution committee said she had lived through other mergers and "it is really possible to live through," which was a satisfaction as a testimony, There was no evidence of a steam roller though each of the three groups, The Woman's Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference, the Council of Women for Home Missions, and the National Council of Church Women, was concerned about its special interests. All these interests have been caught up in the new purpose and will continue. To the women of the local church, Mrs. E. E. McClintock of the Congregational women said this new set-up will mean that we are a part of a great Christian movement, the various sections of which have united, thus eliminating some overlapping, closing up some gaps, and strengthening our impact on the community and the world. She continues,

"It will mean in projects which your local Council will undertake in your community, you will feel the undergirding and the strength of united womanhood. It means that in the future any program, any information, any appeals that come o you representing church women interdenominationally, will come through one organization and not three. It means that as the interdenominational agencies which represent us all, men and women, move forward to closer union, and the Church in America, God willing, works through one interdenominational agency, we shall be ready to go into that organization, as the Women of the Church, united. Therefore, each woman in each community owes to her local Council, to her state and national Council, her loyalty and devotion."

Another leader says; "How happily it has come about that this all-enveloping organization has been formed to give opportunity for more united service all over the land. The Christian strength of such a group rests not at any headquarters; rather it shall find its strength and its expression in the 70,000 communities in the United States."

Again from another; "Through this unity of effort church women can more effectively bring the impact of their Christian influence at a time of great crisis toward a World Christian Community."

And yet another; "A united organization of church women has infinite possibilities. In this day when forces within and without tend to destruction of human values as well as of humanity, it is essential to cement the forces of Christian womanhood for the preservation of the eternal values of life and to insure spiritual fortification and building in the midst of outward destruction."

The president of the just-ceased-to-exist National Council of Church Women, Miss Mary C. Smith says; "Through it (The United Council of Church Women) a nation-wide Christian fellowship is possible; a united purpose to worship, study and act together can be attained, the total program and work of the Christian Church carried forward and the world will know that we have one Lord God, one faith, one hope, one calling, one Holy Book and one Church."

There will be some who will ask as this is being read just what this has for Baptist women. It has no direct bearing on the organizations for women in our local churches as such for their own work will continue, north and south, according to our denominational programs. It will afford an opportunity in local communities for our groups to co-operate with the Christian women of the other churches in local activities and state and national programs, such as the World Day of Prayer (surely we can all pray together). There ought to be social programs for the community in which all the church women could work together more effectively than could one or two groups by themselves. The whole idea of interdenominational groups is to try to serve in service that could hardly be undertaken by a small group but could command the attention and support of the city or area by the large number of women who are interested. In other words and said quite simply, it means co-operation in matters that can be done better together than alone. In no way does this new organization encroach upon the faith or work of any single church group.

You will note in the records that the new organization does not yet have a National President. It has not seemed possible to find just the right woman to head up such a very large and important group. The other officers have been selected. It is to a cause of rejoicing that the third Vice president is a member of the African Methodist Church. That assures an inclusive fellowship. As for Baptists in the official roster a few names are recognized such as Mrs. E. L. Eggers, Mrs. John Killian, Mrs. Leslie Swain, Miss Pearl Rosser, Mrs. Frank K. Singiser, Mrs. Eugene Ross McCarthy. There may be others. These will help us north and south to be aware of what is happening interdenominationally and we congratulate ourselves on their election. It is a source of regret in the comments of the other denominational representatives about this new chapter in church life as recorded in The Church Woman

that no word from a Baptist appears. It is a bit hard to understand why we do not rejoice openly with the others. It would be well for any and all groups to send for a copy of the January issue of the Church Woman which contains the Constitution and facts that ought to be reported far and wide. And while sending for a sample copy of the little magazine which bids fair to be a very helpful organ, why not send one dollar for a years subscription to 203 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. Every group ought to have access to a copy as the days and months go by. The National Headquarters are Rooms 410-411, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Having discussed this new merger, it seems as if Baptists might catch some of the words as they approach Cleveland and are faced with the possibility (Could it be a probability?) that there might be some important and effective mergers in our own Northern Baptist Convention. Note that one writer said that mergers can be lived through. Another says that it is important to be a part of a great Christian movement, eliminating some over-lapping, closing up some gaps, and strengthening an impact on the community and the world. One emphasizes united service and another talks of unity of effort. If at some time in the near future we could have a National Woman's Organization with fair representation from the various parts of our Northern Baptist Convention and with an executive body elected by the women of the Convention we could repeat with the writer above; "A united organization of church women has infinite possibilities.—it is essential to cement the forces of Christian womanhood for the preservation of eternal values . . . "These are days when one and all should think carefully and prayerfully about how best we may be able to make the church effective in every line of service. Traditions, prejudices, history, personal loyalties, and official positions ought to be put in the background in order to find the most effective way of service for every Church group.

Relief Work Continued

By ARCHIBALD M. MACMILLAN, Publicity Director

The special offerings for World Emergency Relief in April primarily will be a continuation and enlargement of relief efforts already undertaken by Southern Baptists.

The appeal comes from the Baptist World Emergency Committee, which has sent forward $200,000 to help save the work of British missions; the new funds to be raised will be administered by the Foreign Mission Board, which in the last four years already has sent forward about $150,000 for Chinese relief.

Deep expressions of appreciation have come from officials of the British Baptist Missionary Society, started in 1793 by William Carey, for the generous and timely help of Southern Baptists in making possible the continuation of their mission work in Ceylon, India, China and other countries.

Likewise from China have come letters and pictures showing how pennies from Southern Baptists are putting rice bowls in the hands of starving Chinese and the love of God in their hearts, though these also show how pitifully inadequate the funds so far received have been in meeting the rising tide of starvation.

To Spain the Foreign Mission Board so far has sent about $3,500 for special emergency relief. This has been used for soup kitchens and other forms of direct relief such as helping to feed undernourished Baptist native pastors. Such work can continue through Mrs. Nils J. Bengtson, Southern Baptist missionary who is is a Swedish subject, and through the Baptist chapel in Madrid, the only place of worship for Protestants still open.

As one of the few citadels of light and Christian freedom left in a dark world, America is being looked to for spiritual leadership in this hour of stress. God's judgment will determine if Southern Baptists do their duty by every hungry child of God who needs help desperately today.

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NORTHERN BAPTISTS WILL CONDUCT MORE THAN 200 CONVOCATIONS in leading cities during the coming fall and winter.

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DR. HARRY S. MYERS, for ten years assistant general secretary of Missionary Education Movement and since 1938 assistant to the President of Hillsdale College has resigned. Dr. Myers graduated four times from Hillsdale and served on its Board of Trustees for 40 years.

THIRTY-FIVE MINISTERS IN JOHNSON COUNTY, N. C., have organized the first interdenominational and inter-racial ministers' union at Smithfield, with Rev. C. L. Gillespie, pastor of the First Baptist church, leader.

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Book Month . . . . By Alfred L. Murray

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The publication has grown out of Dr. Buttrick's conviction of "the central creativeness of prayer, and in a silent protest against yielding it to an unexamined concept of natural law.

The book is divided into four parts, namely, "Jesus and Prayer, Prayer and the World, Prayer and Personality, and, A Way of Prayer." The problems that in individual faces, in believing in and practicing prayer in this modern world are frankly acknowledged. He talks about prayer, not as a form of begging God to act, but prayer that does something in the life of the individual as well as something for him. Jesus' method of prayer is examined in that we might find in His that which will satisfy our own lives. A very helpful and suggestive analysis is given on the stages of human development in attaining a beautiful and vital prayer life. Valuable psychological insights, deep spiritual discernment, and invaluable applicable teaching and preaching material may be gained from a careful reading of PRAYER. This is more than another "Abingdon-Cokesbury Good Book," it is an unsurpassed and unexcelled publication.

Selection No. 2

NO SIGN SHALL BE GIVEN. By Hugh S. Tigner, MacMillan. 198 pp. $1.75.

This book is written with such positiveness and conviction that it should cause rejoicing in the heart of every church member who reads it. It seems smart today, in many high places, to belittle tradition, but this author exalts it to its rightful place. He writes, "The past is our foundation. Tradition gives backing and support to the living; there is both anchorage and inspiration in it; there is restraint in it, but also a dynamic push, a forward thrust. Tradition is what links the generations into an unbroken chain. . . . It has something else besides a dead hand, and when we forget it we do so at our peril." The emergencies of today demand a return to religion and a restoration of faith in the profound traditions of the church. The church must be prepared to minister to the new world born out of war. She must learn from the backward look as well as the forward how to fulfill this purpose. He calls upon the churches to form a strong, vital, and Christ-like bond of fellowship within themselves, before they can heal the hurt of a bleeding, and bewildered world. The book is dynamic, and forceful. It tells what the situation is in the religious world, analyzes it clearly and intelligently presents suggestions for bringing in an order of Christian brotherhood.

REVIEWS

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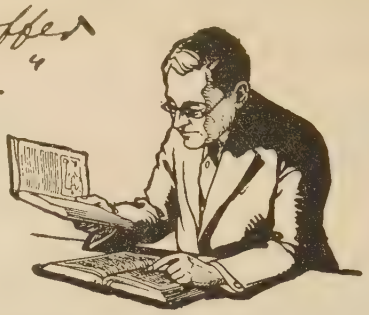

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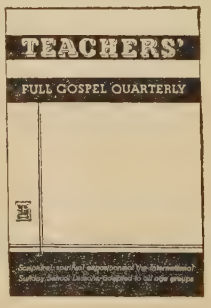

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Here and There In Rural America

By MARK RICH

For the past four weeks we have been moving about through the Rocky Mountains and western states, visiting back country parishes, attending conferences and studying fields. Such a trip offers unusual experiences. I am convinced that one never quite sees America unless one goes back country.

Rural Funerals

We attended the funeral of an Indian girl who was burried in the cemetery at Virginia City, the glamorous ghost gold town of Nevada. A current story claims that the first six or more men buried in this cemetery died with their boots on. The town now glories in its deserted buildings which stand as dilapidated relics of pioneer days.

In south-eastern Utah we gathered in the lodge of the M 4 Ranch for the last rites of a local citizen. This funeral took place without benefit of undertaker. Friends prepared the body, dug the grave and the owner of the M 4 Ranch directed the arrangements at the service and grave. A "pick-up" served as hearse. There is no undertaker in San Juan and Grand counties so most burials are conducted as the one we witnessed. I was touched by the neighborliness of the people in this sparsely settled section, and by their helpfulness to one another in time of trouble.

The Medicine Man

The following story comes from an Indian field which for obvious reasons will remain unidentified. The names given are fictitious, but the facts are as I recorded them soon after the experience.

After the service at the Indian church, Mr. Swing took me to Pete's home. Pete, one of the colony leaders, had failed to build the fire for our service and it was thought that he might be miffed. At his little house we were greeted by his wife. She came to the door bare-footed, and let us in. She waited in a shed-like entrance, apparently unmindful of the cold weather, until our visit was over. Inside the one-room house we found a stove, a table, sundry articles. Pete clad in heavy underclothes and covered with a single blanket lay desolately in his bed. Among the few rumpled clothes on the back side of the bed was a rabbit blanket made by Pete. His daughter, about four years of age, was toddling bare-footed on the dirty, cold board floor.

Pete was sick. That was his only reason for missing the service and failing in his responsibility. He had the simple mind of a child, and took Mr. Swing into his confidence with childlike trust. Else we would not have heard the following story.

For a week Pete has been unable to sleep nights. He felt miserable and rolled and tossed in his bed. Finally, on Saturday, he was taken by car to the medicine man's house. Blind Jim, the medicine man, prayed over him and carried out other rites including the use of tobacco. During the course of the ceremonies a stone in the corner spoke up and announced the nature of Pete's ailment. It was a disease the white doctors did not know about. In fact, the white doctors at the hospital did know how to cure the Indians.

As blind Jim kept speaking Indian words over Pete, he suddenly took something out of Pete's thigh. It was a stone, a small black one. Pete felt a sharp, quick pain as it came out.

At this point Mr. Swing did not quite believe his ears so he asked, "What did he take out of you?"

"Two dollars," said Pete, laughingly. (Prices for a visit to the medicine man may run as high as ten dollars).

After the removal of the stone, Pete immediately felt better. He returned home and slept like a child all night. He felt the same improvement through the morning and cheerfully reported to us that he was on the road to recovery and would soon be up. We had prayer before we left.

From Pete's home we went to see blind Jim. We approached his miniature house and rapped on the door. Someone called out, "Who is it?" Mr. Swing opened the door and walked in. I followed to see a rare sight. Squarely in front of us and at our feet, lay a man stripped to the waist. He was about 35 years of age. Kneeling over him was a begoggled, raven-haired man of medium stature. This was Blind Jim. We had walked in during one of his treatments. He had apparently been feeling the man's abdomen, but as we entered he reached for a cigarette paper. He continued to roll the "smoke" and then lit it. Beside him lay a pipe and tobacco, apparently to be used in the ritual.

We sat on the only two available benches. The patient lay still only a moment. He looked somewhat disturbed and cast dark glances toward Mr. Swing. He then rose on his elbow and asked, "What do you want?" Mr. Swing saw that the rites were interrupted so he answered and entered into conversation. He said he had brought a friend to meet Blind Jim. Introductions took place with the sick man as interpreter. Throughout the conversation Blind Jim remained in his position, smoking quietly and feeling for the pipe and tobacco at his side. Twice he picked up the tin can at his side and spit in it. After we had been identified neither man seemed unduly disturbed by our visit. The sick man said he felt "pretty good" and indeed he looked in good health.

What we saw was what Pete had gone through. The man before us would probably be led to believe that a stick, a stone or a something was removed from his side. He would return home thinking himself to better health, but poorer in wealth.

There are not a few tribes among whom medicine men still have influence. This happens to be one such group where despite the free service and convenience of government medical facilities some Indians still prefer to visit their own untrained medicine man. Of course, one can condemn such practices. It is better to understand and direct the people toward a better way.

Some reasons for the persistence of the medicine man are: 1. These Indians belong to a prescientific day and know little or nothing of scientific medicine. This does not apply to the younger trained Indians.

2. The hospital is routine and mechanical and does not give the personal psychological lift.

3. The medicine man's treatment is intimate, personal and it is religious.

4. The medicine man's treatment is traditional. It has been tested by the centuries and is the Indian way of curing the sick body. (Of course actual cures have been wrought. Some medicine men have acquired ability to heal certain ailments especially those which reside in the mind only.)

5. The Indian has so reluctantly gone to the white man's hospital that he makes it a last resort. Naturally many are beyond cure and it is no recommendation to other Indians that so many who go to the hospital do not come back.

It is in this varied, partially pagan, partially Christian world that we carry on the mission of Christ. These Indians are meant for the Kingdom. In their simple, often ill-directed trust, they present child-like qualities which classifies them with children who are qualified to be good citizens of the Kingdom of God. It is for us to have and give patient and faithful leadership which will help them live up to their potentialities.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ALREADY HAVE SENT $200,000 to help save the work of BRITISH missions, $3,500 to fight hunger in SPAIN, and $150,000 to save starving people like those pictured here in CHINA, where a nickel a day still keeps starvation away.

Through this help, thousands have been kept from perishing and countless souls have been saved.

THIS MINISTRY OF MERCY WILL BE extended through the $300,000 to be raised for WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF in April for the peoples of China, Europe and other war-torn lands.

"Let your light so shine. . . ."

"YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD." (MATT. 5:14)

WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF

RADIO HAS HELPED OUR CHURCH

By RALPH M. JOHNSON, Yakima, Washington

A church ought to have a radio program. Regular preaching services, weekly newspaper stories, a parish paper, distribution of handbills, mail advertising, visitation—none of these can take the place of a good radio program.

Our first year of broadcasting has just ended. During these twelve months the radio has helped to double our evening attendance, brought new members and prospects to the church, made pastoral visiting easier and given the church an amazing amount of goodwill in the community. Further, it has given the church and pastor a voice on local and national problems that reaches far beyond its membership.

The radio program has been regarded frankly as an advertising adventure. The purpose has been to stimulate church attendance, if not at our church—then "the church of your choice." In this field we find that we are not competing with national radio programs. There is already enough preaching on the air and too many appeals for funds to finance independent religious programs. Both preaching and money raising are eliminated from our broadcast.

"An Invitation To Worship" has been the self-explanatory title of the program and best explains what has been done. Like an advertisement in a newspaper we seek first to attract attention and then to make friends for our church. We have found one important advantage for radio advertising. Though you may not have much time, you do have it all to yourself, whereas paid church advertisements in newspapers usually seem rather small and unimportant compared to much larger commercial ads. A five or ten minute program commands the same attention as an hour program. We have been having ten minute broadcasts.

In entering the radio field we have tried to remember that as a medium of expression it has standards of its own. In meeting the special requirements of radio we have sought to focus our attention on the non-church member. One of the programs that seemed especially successful was one in which the pastor became "The Inquiring Reporter." He took his place on the steps of the church on an imaginary Sunday and asked those coming, "Why are you attending church this morning?" A man, a woman and a young person answered the question. These answers brought out the values that come from worship.

On another occasion the church was compared to a service station that helps keep our cars running. It was not a place where you consume spiritual energy any more than you burn gasoline racing your motor in a station. As a service station gives stored up power to help the car over the highways of life, so the church in its worship services helps to store up spiritual strength and power to help one over the mountain-like problems of life. Weeks and months after this broadcast people were continuing to refer to it.

While we would not go so far as to criticize those that aim at radio conversions, we do think that the commitment to Christ is much better in a church. The opportunity for fellowship, the possibility of Christian nurture, these are much better in a Christian experience that is related to a church. Active Christianity is much more than listening to a favorite preacher over the radio and sending an occasional gift. It involves sacrifice, service and enlistment. Our effort is to get folks interested in church and then secure their decision in the midst of Christian people. Such a convert we feel has a better chance to be active in God's kingdom than one who hears a radio message, makes a decision, writes a letter and then may or may not follow it through.

Church broadcasts should be carefully planned. Usually the continuity should be written by the minister. Copy departments of most radio stations are too commercialized to present the right religious approach. Conversations, questions and answers or playlets, attract much more attention than a straight talk. In the technique of the radio program we should recognize the importance of writing out in full what is to be said. Successful ad libbing takes years of experience. Time spent in preparing the program is time well spent—at a conservative estimate the radio audience is considerably more than six times our regular attendance at the morning service.

Besides building up church attendance it has greatly helped in our visitation program. The pastor knows this from experience. To knock at the door of a stranger and give your name and church formerly meant a period of strained silence as the individual debated whether or not to invite him inside. A few months of broadcasting replaced that stare with a smile and the inquiry, "Haven't I heard you on the radio?" Also church members are more willing to visit because they find that their reception is friendly.

One of the things that I have found is that it never hurts to give the other church a pat on the back. Other Christian people like it, non-Christians feel that you are cooperative and tolerant of those who differ with you and it helps the attitude of your own members. The outstanding thing that folks remember about our radio program is its closing which appears on the continuity as follows. Announcer: You have been listening to the regular radio program of the First Baptist Church. Now we present the pastor of the church in "Just a Closing Remark." Pastor: "On this program we have been inviting you to attend our church. If you are already working in some other church in our community then, you go to your church and we'll go to ours, but let's walk along together. We're going the same direction and in times like these we need to be nearer to the same God."

CLOSING MUSIC: Choral recording of "Nearer My God to Thee."

Radio broadcasting costs money but the returns have more than justified the cost.

DEATHS

Every month the angel of death calls to their heavenly reward a large number of our ministers and other religious leaders. This month we record the "homegoing" of Mrs. P. H. J. Lerrigo, Claremont, Calif., wife of Dr. Lerrigo, who served so long as the Home Secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society . . . Rev. Otis E. Maddux, 64, Greensburg, Ind., pastor of the Amity Baptist church . . . Rev. L. W. Inman, 72, Marble Rock, Ia., pastor in Iowa for many years . . . Rev. George E. Milford, Taylorville, Ill. . . . Dr. A. H. Harnly, 78, Penny Farms, Fla., who served for many years in Illinois . . . Rev. Vaclav Shudes, Chicago, active for 40 years among Bohemians in Illinois. . .

Also Edward E. Smith, 88, of Antrim, N. H., an outstanding layman . . . Rev. Alexander C. Hanna, 54, for 30 years a missionary in Burma . . . Miss Henrietta Roelofs, New York, a secretary of the national board of the Y. W. C. A. . . . Mrs. A. E. Seagrave, missionary in Burma for many years . . Rev. C. A. Clausen, 79, Gasport, N. Y., pastor in New York for many years . . . Rev. Charles F. Smalley, M. D., Easton, Pa. . . . Mrs. Anna Hale Robinson, wife of Dr. F. A. Robinson, Toyalston, Pa. . . . the Duke of Connaught, 92, London, the last surviving son of Queen Victoria . . Rev. Andrew C. Zenos, 86, Chicago, noted Presbyterian Biblical scholar. . . .

The gift of silence, when one is tempted to speak foolishly, is as important as the gift of speech when one has something to say that is worth saying.

IN THE SANCTUARY

A MONTHLY FEATURE

By Daniel Heitmeyer

"TILL SHILOH COME"

They've builded an altar to Moloch
In Gehenna, the Valley of Fire.
  They're passing through flame in Gehenna,
  Gehenna, Gehenna;
  They're giving their children to Moloch,
Through flame to sate Moloch's desire.

They go with stained garments to serve him.
And his dark shrine is circled with pain.
  Their robes are dyed red in Gehenna,
  Gehenna, Gehenna;
  Their swords are blood stained to serve Moloch;
They are heaping his altar with slain.

The judgment shall come upon Moloch,
In Gehenna, the Valley of Shame.
  The shedders of blood wait the judgment,
  The judgment, the judgment;
  The wrath of the Lord upon Moloch
Shall burn with unquenchable flame.

The trumpets shall call them to Shiloh,
Up to Shiloh, the Lord's Jubilee.
  Messiah shall call them to Shiloh,
  To Shiloh, to Shiloh;
  Their swords shall be broken at Shiloh,
And the captives of Moloch go free.

TWO WAYS OF DESTINY

In Genesis we read, "And it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him". When God came to call him to account for his deed Cain said, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Jesus said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself". The farther we get away from the way of Jesus the closer we come to the Cain way. Perhaps never have the two ways stood in sharp contrast before mankind; never has the alternative been so inexorably pressed in upon the human conscience as now. The white flame of judgment walks between that right and that wrong.

The cry of Cain expresses a behavior pattern by which much of the life of our world is being shaped. It expresses the spirit that teaches the strong to exploit the weak. It is the spirit that dictates crooked stock deals and manipulates prices to force excess profits.

It is the Cain spirit that teaches organized labor policies of violence and disorder. It is the spirit that makes a crook out of a politician and a demagogue out of a statesman. Cain is the author of dirty books and the producer of salacious shows and moving pictures. It is Cain who runs the shady night club, and baits the "hot spots" near training camps with attractive girls to catch the decent young recruits. Cain hates his neighbor—and loves his neighbor's wife.

It is the spirit of Cain that teaches Dictators and misleaders to mix the broth of rivalries and wars. Pull aside the mask of the Duces and Fuehrers and you reveal the face of Cain. Surely God, looking upon the broken bodies of the millions of war dead, might say to them, "Your brothers' blood crieth unto me from the ground". And what is all the propaganda and special pleading but the same cry of Cain, "Am I my brothers' keeper?"

But at the other extreme is the way of Christ. He came into the midst of the Greco-Roman-Jewish civilization, and that civilization answered with a cross—and the "day of visitation" darkened into the day of doom.

He came forth from the tomb to enter into the life of the world. He stands in the midst of our modern complex age, a living challenge to all the latent idealism in the nature of man, a rebuke to all man's meanness.

Taller than the Hitlers and the Mussolinis and the captains and the kings; he has seen the Caesars come and go, and many an imitation Caesar since. He will still be the world's chief personage when all the sword rattlers of our day have drifted "like a wreath of morning mist into the infinite azure of the past".

As real, as living, as divine as ever in the days of his flesh, he says to our world: "He that is not with me is against me"; and opportunity and judgment are in his words.

LARGE, COORDINATED EXHIBIT AT CLEVELAND

The most attractive exhibit of all Northern Baptist Conventions is being planned by Harold Greene of the Council on Finance and Promotion, New York City. It will dramatize in a colorful manner the whole world-wide enterprise of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Such features as free movies, a religious music program daily, a "very attractive" lounge" in the center of the hall, a public address system for special announcements, will be a part of this great exhibit in the first floor of the Auditorium.

Home Missions will have a unified exhibit which will include all missionary work of the Home societies.

The Foreign Mission societies will have a joint presentation, dressed up this year more than formerly, and one which the delegates will be especially interested in because of the war situation.

Homes and Hospitals, the American Baptist Historical Society, the Denominational Press, will have separate booths. The second year of the Baptist School Advance will be emphasized in the exhibit of the Publication Society.

"Worry Free"

The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board will have an entirely new set-up with "Worry Free in '43" as its theme.

Council on Christian Social Progress, the Rauschenbusch Foundation, American Bible Society, Council on Christian Education, Schools and Colleges, the Council on Finance and Promotion, will all have fresh material and many novel features.

The Council on Finance and Promotion will dramatize, with an illuminated centerpiece, what a hand with a dollar bill for missions can actually accomplish. This exhibit, it is predicted, will be one of the highlights of the Convention. Stewardship, the Fall Convocations, the World Emergency Fund, Church Calendars, Visualization, also will be presented at this booth.

Pastors and church school workers will be interested in the book display which will cover just about every phase of publishing.

The Auditorium management is to provide meals at popular prices on the exhibit floor. This will appeal to many delegates.

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The way of Christ's Cross is the way to Christ's Crown.—*Benjamin Franklin.*

Where true faith in God begins, anxiety ends; and where anxiety begins, faith ends.—*George Müller.*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAPTISTS

News From The Nation's Capital

GEORGE B. FRASER, President | APRIL, 1942 | RUFUS W. WEAVER, Executive Secretary

Evangelistic Crusade in 1942 Planned for District Churches

A simultaneous Washington Baptist Crusade in April, 1942 is announced by the Evangelistic Committee of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

An Evangelistic meeting in each of the 32 churches running through the two weeks preceding Easter, 1942 is included in the plans for the Crusade. Dr. Rolan Q. Leavell, Director of Evangelism for the Southern Baptist Convention, has been invited to direct the Crusade.

Preliminary plans for the Crusade have been approved by the Minister's Conference which will assist in setting up arrangements. February and March, 1942 will be preparation months. A District-wide Baptist rally will launch the Crusade. Training classes for visitation workers, exchange of pulpits on one Sunday morning by the pastors, radio addresses, and other features will be used to advertise the Crusade. Each church will be expected to work out its own type of service for the two weeks, but all will be asked to join in the Crusade at the same time. The Evangelistic Committee of the Convention is composed of Rev. W. B. King, pastor of Fountain Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. A. Lincoln Smith, associate pastor of the National Memorial Baptist Church, Mrs. Long, of Brookland Baptist Church and Rev. Mike Elliott, Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church.

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PASTORS TO BE GUESTS OF DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pastors of all Baptist churches in the District of Columbia Baptist Convention will be the dinner guests of the Executive Committee of the Convention at the National Memorial Baptist Church on April 10th.

The purpose of the dinner is two fold. First, to greet Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Executive Secretary, upon his return to active duty after a long and serious illness. Second, to inform the Pastors more fully about the advance program now being undertaken in the District. Re-dedication of lives and energy, good fellowship and information will be emphasized at the meeting. All pastors are expected to be present.

Baptists to Celebrate 65 Years of Organized Work In May at Semi - Annual Meeting

Two New Workers and Addresses by Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Dr. Charles Maddry and Miss Janet McKay to Feature Program

Baptists of the District of Columbia will celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the organized work in the District at their semi-annual meeting to be held May 6th at the Fountain Memorial Baptist Church. Actual organization took place on May 7th, 1877.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Executive Secretary of the Convention, will summarize the work of 65 years in his address during the Wednesday afternoon session.

Executive Board Meeting To Be Held April 13 At Calvary

A meeting of the Executive Board of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention has been called for April 13th at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held at Calvary Baptist Church.

In addition to celebrating 65 years of organized work, the Convention will recognize another forward step when the new Superintendent of Missions and the new Director of Christian Education will be introduced. These new workers will be made possible by the joint action of the Northern, Southern, and District of Columbia Conventions. It is expected that they will enter upon their work May 1st.

Miss Janet McKay, Secretary of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Board will speak at the morning session. Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will give the closing address Wednesday evening. Others on the program include Rev. John Compton Ball, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church; Rev. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church; Rev. H. R. Osgood, pastor of the Hyattsville Baptist Church, and Rev. F. W. Johnson. Choir of the Fountain Memorial Baptist Church will furnish special music. The church is located at Naylor Road and Q Streets, S.E.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver Now In Gulfport, Mississippi For Remainder of His Leave

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Executive Secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, is now resting in Gulfport, Mississippi. He expects to return to active duty April 1st. Dr. Weaver was granted a three month's leave of absence on account of a serious illness. He has made rapid recovery. Dr. Weaver is preparing a review of the sixty-five year history of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention which occurs this year. He will deliver the address at the annual mid-year meeting to be held in May.

Mrs. J. M. Dawson to Lead Revival at Fifth Church

Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Waco, Texas, will lead in evangelistic services at Fifth Baptist Church from March 29th to April 5th. Mrs. Dawson is the wife of Dr. J. M. Dawson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. She has been the guest of the Fifth Church before. Monday evening, March 30th has been designated as "District of Columbia Night."

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A Real Birthday Gift!

Fountain Memorial Baptist Church sent their pastor, Rev. W. B. King to the Pastor's Institute in Louisville this month. All expenses were paid. It was a birthday gift. The Pastor's Institute is held every year at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is attended by about 500 pastors from over the South. Fountain Memorial will benefit from this gracious gesture of love and good will.

"United Christian Education Advance" Group to Meet at Calvary April 17th

Pastors and other leaders in Christian Education from all Protestant churches in Washington will meet in an all day session at Calvary Baptist Church April 17th to plan for participation in the "United Christian Education Advance" movement sponsored by the International Council of Christian Education.

Churches are requested to appoint delegates to this meeting. The "Advance" movement was launched in February at the annual meeting of the International Council in Chicago. The plan will cover a four year period emphasizing especially the larger use of the Bible, and Family Life.

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Takoma Park Plan Addition

Banqueting seems to top the news with our church during the present month. The Margaret A. Pearce Bible Class of women held their annual banquet on March 11th with the dining room filled to capacity. The eighteenth annual banquet of the Men's Bible Class was held on March 18th. Mr. Walter K. Jones, acted as toastmaster and the speaker of the evening was Dr. Paul F. Douglass, President of the American University.

It is the custom of this church to hold a service on the evening of Good Friday which has always brought out a good attendance. It consists of suitable hymns, scripture selections, prayers and special appropriate music by the Choir. The pastor gives a meditation on the traditional seven words from the Cross while the church is darkened. The ordinances of baptism and communion are administered. While our Baptist Churches are not given to the formal or liturgical celebration of the special days yet there is a spiritual uplift in recognizing the spirit and the truth that these days commemorate. A committee of the church has engaged the services of Dr. Henry E. Tralle, and plans for the enlargement of our educational facilities are being considered. A committee is also working out a plan to engage a student from Crozer Seminary to spend week-ends with the church assisting the pastor and working among the young people. Lieut. Comdr. Thomas W. Marshall, Jr., the first casualty from our church and community during the present war, lost his life on the high seas in the performance of his duty on February 28, 1942. Two identical services at 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock will be held on Easter morning.

Semi - Annual Meeting

District of Columbia Baptist Church

May 6th, 1942 - Fountain Memorial Baptist Church

Celebrating the 65th Year of the Organization of the Convention

PROGRAM

2:30 P. M. Devotional—Rev. John Compton Ball
Metropolitan Baptist Church

Introduction of the new Superintendent of Missions.

Address—Miss Janet McKay
Secretary, Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Northern Baptist Convention.

Address—Dr. Rufus W. Weaver.
A summary of the work of the Convention during 65 years. Organization was effected on May 7th, 1877.

Benediction—Rev. F. W. Johnson

5:30—Dinner

7:30 P. M. Devotional—Rev. Clarence W. Cranford
Calvary Baptist Church

Introduction of new Director of Christian Education.

Special Music by Choir, Fountain Memorial Baptist Church.

Address—Dr. Charles Maddry
Foreign Mission Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Benediction—Rev. H. R. Osgood
First Baptist Church, Hyattsville.

National Baptist Memorial Church

The past month has been an eventful one with the School of Missions being held with an aggregate attendance of six hundred.

In the week immediately preceding Easter Dr. J. H. Strong of New York is giving a series of Bible Messages on "Light on the Privilege of Prayer from the Example of Jesus," with the following topics announced:

"Prayer and Life's Purpose — The Prayer at the Baptism."

"Prayer and Life's Demands — The Prayer before the Choosing of the Twelve."

"Prayer and the Needs of Others—The Prayer for Peter."

"Prayer and Life's Benefits — The Prayer after the Return of the Seventy."

"Prayer and the Divine Will — The Prayer in the Garden."

"Prayer and Life's Supreme Joy—The Prayer of Communion."

The Baptist Training Union under the leadership of Superintendent D. W. Sawtelle broke all records during the month of March with an attendance in regular meeting of 245.

The Sunday School is making aggressive plans for the new year seeking to harmonize the school with the newly adopted District Standard of Excellence. Two new classes are in the process of formation. The first is a Mothers' Class which met for organization on March 29, with the following panel of teachers: Mrs. Gove G. Johnson, Mrs. John L. Wann, Mrs. J. W. Babson, and Mrs. E. L. Goodman. The second class planned is a new class for young married couples.

The Woman's Society which includes a membership of over 500 has elected the following general officers to serve for the coming year: Mrs. S. W. Kent, president; Mrs. G. G. Johnson, Mrs. L. B. Grening, Mrs. C. M. Young, vice-presidents; Miss Ann Wakefield, recording secretary; Mrs. J. F. Eastwood, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Pete Money, treasurer; Mrs. S. F. Gardner, financial secretary; Mrs. T. E. Gilbert, circle leader; and Mrs. S. C. Hall, young people's director.

Petworth Adopts New Strategy To Meet Community Needs

A number of months ago Petworth Baptist Church began using this slogan: "A Growing Church in a Growing Capital." During the ensuing weeks and months that has been more than a mere slogan, for growth has become the central theme of all the activities of the Church. Progress has become the keynote, and the feeling of "It can be done" is making reality out of the dreams of a few months ago. Many things have already been done; definite plans are being made for the near future; and beyond that there are purposes which—God willing—will take their places in the list of accomplishments as time goes on.

The Sunday School organization has been re-graded and expanded. A program of Sunday School visitation is being set up, and has already been especially effective in the Young People's Department. Under the leadership of their Superintendent, Earl W. Barr, these young people spend one evening each week canvassing various parts of the Petworth area. It has served not only to bring in new members, but to make the regular attendants more interested in their work.

The Music Program of the Church has been enlarged through the organization of a Junior Choir under the capable leadership of Mrs. Harlan Randall and Mrs. James P. Rodgers. There are about thirty-five juniors in this group, and they sing in the Morning Worship Services twice each month.

Recently Petworth has become deeply concerned about her responsibility to these many defense workers who are pouring to the Petworth section. Although definite plans have not been completed, Petworth hopes within the very near future to have a fulltime enlistment program. Times are changing rapidly, and in this unusual situation Petworth plans to do her part.

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Rev. Wallace R. Rodgers Will Lead Revival at Second Church

Rev. Wallace R. Rodgers, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, will lead the revival services at Second Baptist Church. Meetings will be held from March 22nd to April 1st.

Second Church has just closed a successful Training Union Study Course with an average attendance of 204.

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Honest doubt leads to honest search; honest search leads to honest faith in God, when men bare their souls to Truth.
—*Arthur T. Pierson.*

Some Interesting Facts

Here are some statistics about the work of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention Year ending November 1, 1941.

Total Property Value	$3,722,300.00
Total Indebtedness	$ 463,361.63
Average Pastor's Salary Approximate	$ 22,800.00
Total Given to Home Uses	$ 556,921.44
Total Given to Benevolence and Missions	$ 113,355.90
Total Additions to Churches	2719
Total Baptisms	800
Total Present Membership	21,843
Sunday School Enrollment	18,325
Average Sunday School Attendance	8,584
Total B.Y.P.U. Enrollment	2657
Total Membership Women's Mission Union	2728

Based on the country-wide average attendance of members on Sunday the 32 churches of the Convention have a total average attendance of 5500. In other words, 16,343 members are not present on any given Sunday. Average attendance in the Sunday Schools is given as 8584 leaving 9741 pupils who do not attend on any given Sunday. More money was given last year and more members received than any other year in Convention history. It is interesting to note that three members were excluded and 412 names dropped for one reason or another.

The Baptist Radio Forum

By WILSON HOLDER

The month of March closes six months of weekly broadcasts sponsored by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. From September 21st, through December 28th, 1941, the program was known as "The Forum of Freedom," and was presented over Radio Station WWDC each Sunday morning at 8:30. On January 10th, 1942, a new series was inaugurated under the name of "The Baptist Forum," which was on the air on Saturday nights, first at seven o'clock, then at 6:30. The churches which have participated in this Baptist Broadcast are: Anacostia, Brookland, Metropolitan, Luther Rice, Fountain Memorial, Centennial, Wilson Avenue, Chevy Chase, National Baptist Memorial, Second, Temple, Wisconsin Avenue, Petworth, West Washington. In addition to these churches, programs have been presented by the Convention, by the Columbia Federation of Baptist Young People, and the United States Baptist Magazine.

The plan of financing the programs has been to allow each church to pay for its own program. This has succeeded for these months, but the necessity for a more centralized, long-range program is felt. A sufficient amount should be included in the District of Columbia Baptist Convention yearly budget to present each church and major work of the Convention on at least one program during the year.

No argument should be necessary to convince us of the vital importance of keeping our Baptist work resounding in the ears of Washington's listening public. We fear sometimes, that with characteristic Baptist lethargy, we shall wake up to an opportunity just in time to hear its retreating footsteps fading from out threshold.

We regret the absence from this new Baptist endeavor of some of our influential churches. Can it be that some of us are regarding this Radio Mission from an entirely selfish view-point? One Baptist brother put it rather bluntly when he stated that his church would benefit much more by putting its money in some other endeavor, rather than the Radio Programs. And while each church strives vigorously on the isolated island of its own endeavors, our Baptist witness can lose in a concerted, cooperative, progressive venture in this city which now needs as never before an all-out, determined effort to reach the streams of uprooted and transplanted people that flow through our midst.

Baptists have always faced the disunity of misplaced individualistic effort. Washington faces this problem as well as any other Baptist field of labor. When we view the wide field of radio, we rejoice for and with those who, in addition to a share in carrying high the banners of our mutual cause, can establish an additional radio witness of their own. But we cannot be too emphatic and plain in stating that when a choice must be made as to which of these opportunities is to come first, Baptist loyalty, Christian fellowship and brotherly love leave but one choice.

We would like to extend to each church in the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, on behalf of the Radio Committee of the Convention, an urgent invitation to join together, no matter what other committments there may be, in keeping our timely message ringing in the lofty citadel of the air.

Church of the Redeemer Carries On Work Without Financial Aid

The Chiesa del Redentore-Italian Baptist regards it a Divine privilege to be in the Capitol City of our Nation. To some, this country is the land of their birth—to others, the land of their choice. But all, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and embued with the principles of Baptist heritage, are carrying on the great commission to "preach the Gospel of Salvation." The very purpose of our existence is symbolically but clearly indicated by the decoration in the background of the platform. As one enters the Auditorium, he is greeted at once by the Cross "high in the clouds" and with the words at eye-level: "IO SON LA VIA, LA VERITA, E LA VITA." (I am the Way, the Truth and the Life). On both sides one sees a plaque with a verse taken from Psalm 150: "LODATE IDDIO NEL SUO SANTUARIO"—"PRAISE GOD IN HIS SANCTUARY."

The numerical progress of our Church is obviously slow. But, we have in mind the admonition to "feed my sheep." In these turbulent times we recognize the importance of nurturing the spiritual. In order to reach the hearts of all, we instituted the idea of an English Sermon twice a month. On the second and fourth Sundays, therefore, the sermon is preached by our Assistant Pastor. We enjoy having visitors. Those of other evangelical Churches among Italian speaking people who happen to be in Washington do not fail to visit us and so, we see the evidence of the unifying force of Christian Bonds and fellowship. We want to be seen at work. Visit us. You will enjoy, we know, the same familiar hymns sung in the language of vowels. You will experience the oneness of God's people and the communion of His Holy Spirit. We have seven of our young men in uniform and they are carrying with them the traits which distinguish them as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with them always. Lastly, but we think of importance, the Chiesa del Redentore-Italian Baptist in Washington is the only congregation of any Protestant Denomination among Italian speaking people, to be entirely self-supporting. We make this statement with thankful hearts to our Heavenly Father and with humility of spirit. We have gone through many trials and discouragements. But the Lord has seen us through. We have cherished the thought, always, that it is by His will that we are here in the Nation's Capital.

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Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on Eternal Life.—1 *Timothy* 6:12.

Centennial Broadcasts Every Sunday Morning; Spring Revival in May

Centennial has some very definite characteristics all its own. This church believes in Divine Healing, and has special prayer for the sick at the Sunday morning and evening services, and at Prayer Meeting on Thursday night. The morning service is broadcast from the auditorium of the church from 11:30 to 11:55 over Station WWDC. Contrary to some current reports, this church had the first fully organized Baptist Training Union in the District of Columbia. It was begun in 1937, with seven Unions from the Story Hour to the Baptist Adult Union. The pastor of the church, Rev. Wilson Holder, was formerely known as the Boy Preacher, and preached in this church in 1917 as a boy of twelve. The auditorium of this church is most pleasing and comfortable, containing seats, not pews.

Present activities are varied. Redecorating of the interior of the church is in progress, and is supposed to be finished by Easter Sunday. This is part of the preparation for the spring revival in May. A young people's choir is singing at the evening services, and provided the music for one of the evenings of the revival at Luther Rice Church An energetic and effective effort is being made to enlist many more men in the Men's Bible Class of the Bible School.

The church is growing, with new members coming in each Sunday, and several candidates awaiting baptism. Visitors in the church recently included persons from Canada, Sweden, and India.

The church and pastor wish a most happy Easter to each reader.

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Senator Lee Speaks at the Yaden-Philathea Banquet

The annual Yaden-Philathea Banquet at the Petworth Baptist Church was an unusually delightful affair this year. Wednesday evening March 11th members and friends of these two great classes enjoyed an evening of Christian fellowship. The highlight of the evening was the talk by the guest speaker, Hon. Josh E. Lee, Senator from Oklahoma. He brought an inspiring message on the place of the church in the world of today. Senator Lee, himself a Baptist, made us proud to be Americans and Baptists. The President of the Yaden Class, Mr. Willard G. Estridge, acted as toastmaster. Mrs. Catherine Johnson, President of the Philathea Class, extended a warm welcome to those present and appropriate talks were made by the Pastor, Rev. James P. Rodgers, and by James G. Yaden and Miss Cora Croft, teachers of the respective classes.

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Washington Baptist Ministers' Conference

The Baptist Ministers' Conference at a luncheon in March complimented two of its members recently retired from active service. Dr. F. W. Johnson had been pastor of the Grace Church for thirty-five years, and Dr. B. P. Robertson had served the Hyattsville Church sixteen years. Dr. John E. Briggs, in whose Church the lunch was given, was the genial toastmaster. In the regular meeting which preceeded the luncheon, Dr. Ernest F. Campbell, pastor First Baptist Church of Alexandria, had reported on the very fine session of the Baptist General Association of Virginia just previously held in Roanoke.

A worship service with an Easter sermon by Rev. Clarence Cranford, new pastor of the Calvary Church, constituted the program for the regular meeting on March 16. Attendance was boosted by the presence of the wives of many of the conference members. The meeting was followed by a luncheon in the dining room of the Calvary Church.

The Conference is eagerly looking forward to a joint meeting with the Baltimore Baptist Ministers' Conference to be held at The University of Maryland on April 20.

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Bethesda Plans Vacation School

Plans are already being made for the Vacation Bible School to be held soon after the close of the public schools. This will be the third successive session conducted jointly by this Church and the Bethesda Methodist Church. Addition of an Intermediate department will probably be effected this year.

Junior boys and girls can produce splendid posters. This has been demonstrated through a recent poster contest conducted by our Baptist Junior Union. Artistic and cleverly suggestive of loyalties to Junior activities, the posters have been displayed in the Sunday School rooms for several weeks and have won considerable praise.

The J-O-Y (Ladies') Class recently entertained at dinner in the Church dining room the Men's Bible Class. It was a unique occasion in our history and resulted in good fellowship, good spirit and enthusiasm, as well as a good dinner.

Luther Rice Thought In Terms of Leadership Church Here Celebrated His Birthday March 25th

By MIKE ELLIOTT

Luther Rice, missionary, educator and journalist, was born 159 years ago on March 25th in the little town of Northboro, Massachusetts.

Luther Rice taught American Baptists, as no other man has taught them, to think of their task in terms of leadership. And his vision of leadership went beyond that of Baptists. In his last days he organized "concerts of prayer", asking the people to pray each day for "Seminaries of Learning"; for "Rulers", and for "Capitals." These were and are the forces that guide the world.

He established Columbian College here in Washington, now known as George Washington University. It is no credit to Baptists that they allowed this institution slip out of their hands - just as they have allowed other fine institutions to slip out of their hands since that time.

He launched the first national Baptist journal, "The Columbian Star", here in Washington. His journal was a force in its day, and its influence still lives.

Luther Rice met the people face to face and "by his fervid and eloquent spirit stirred them to sustained interest and led them to organized endeavor for the salvation of the world."

Like all great and good men Luther Rice was misunderstood. His motives were questioned. He was maligned and insulted. He has never been given credit for a work that has had more influence upon the life of American Baptists than that of any other individual. This in face of the fact that his purposes and motives have long been vindicated.

The Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church is proud to be named after him and rejoices in the fact that it is the first and only Baptist Church in America bearing his name. If it is the will of God this church expects through the years to develop a noble, inspiring, and eternal memorial to Luther Rice. The dream of the membership is to create a memorial national in scope—the pride of American Baptists. We hope to build a place of worship to which all men can come and meet in the quiet atmosphere of the place the God of Luther Rice. We hope to build into this structure a small Luther Rice Chapel which will be open at all hours for meditation and prayer. We hope to establish a "Luther Rice Room" where historical matter concerning the man can be assembled and protected. We hope to develop a strong program of Christian Education—for Luther Rice was primarily interested in that phase of Christian activity.

Nursery In Silver Spring Church

Some thirty little children, enrolled in the Takoma Park-Silver Spring Cooperative Nursery School, are daily guests of the Baptist Church of Silver Spring, Maryland. The nursery school, organized in July, 1941, was at first housed in a public school building but was temporarily crowded out in the fall. Since October, when their mothers accepted the generous offer of the church, the children have made happy use, five mornings a week, of several rooms in the Sunday School annex and of the play-yard back of the building.

The work and ingenuity of the mothers, combined with the gift of housing, keep the cost of the school low. At present, the tuition fee is $5.50 a month for each child. This amount covers the salaries of the two well-trained teachers, the cost of heat and light, of supplies and equipment, and of fruit juices which are served to the children.

Each mother assists the teachers one morning a week and is a member of several of the very active study groups and committees which keep the nursery school running smoothly and democratically. The housekeeping committee, to mention one, has the weekly job of converting the Sunday School into a nursery school and back again.

Chevy Chase Stresses Missions In All Church Departments

Prospects at the Chevy Chase Baptist Church as we look forward to Easter are very bright. The special Easter offering will be divided between the Northern and Southern Mission Causes.

During March the Pastor, Rev. Edward O. Clark, has conducted a class of Instruction for young people at Friday evening Supper meetings. From the class a large number are expected to be baptized at a Good Friday service on April 3.

One of the high-lights of March was the Every Member Social in honor of the 54 new members received during the year. It was held on Wednesday March 11. An artistic boutonniere (good to eat) was presented to each of the new members by the Pastor. Games, songs and other festivities including refreshments under the direction of the committee headed by Deacon C. Verne Bowen made the evening a happy one and long to be remembered.

A splendid evening was enjoyed by the Woman's Society, the Evening Auxiliary and the Columbian Girls at the dinner meeting on Monday March 16. One of the features was a presentation of the work of the Goodwill Industries. At this meeting the men were invited. Mrs. Harold E. Burton, president of the Woman's Society, presided.

For two Sunday evenings in April the Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society and the Senior B.Y.P.U., have planned joint meetings at which time Mrs. J. Gould Wickey will give informal talks on "Christian Ideals in Youth Relationships" to be followed by a conference period.

The Mission Committee is planning to bring a foreign missionary to the Church the latter part of April. In addition to appearing before the Sunday School, Young People's meetings, in the morning and evening services, a dinner occasion will be held emphasizing the strategic importance of missions today.

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Petworth To Hold School of Missions in Month of April

Petworth Baptist Church announces a School of Missions to be held April 21, 22, and 23. Miss Cora Croft will teach W.M.S. members; Miss Helen Falls of Maryland will teach Columbian Girls; and Dr. H. P. McCormick, returned missionary from Nigeria, will teach the general group of men and women. An invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

Columbia Council of Baptist Men

By EDWARD J. FOX, President

Now is the time to make your plans for the vacation season. Many of the state Councils are holding retreats with increasing attendance and growing enthusiasm. Others are promoting boys camps where the youth of the cities and country are brought together in wholesome outdoor activities under Christian leadership and influence. Activities of this nature are lacking in our jurisdiction, but I am sure they would be very helpful if we had them. For a real spiritual feast, make your plans to attend the conference at Ridgecrest this summer.

The problem of missions is very critical at this time. The men of our churches ought to know more about this phase of church and denominational program. Plan to hold a real men and missions program in your church some Sunday. Your pastor will be glad to cooperate with you. In this connection, do not fail to hear Dr. Maddry at the Mid-Year Convention on May 6.

Then there is the question of personal evangelism. Unparalleled opportunities exist in Washington today. How about the fellow next to you in your office, workshop or place of business? Does he know about your Church? Let's not neglect to invite the "strangers within our gates" to the house of God.

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The Baptist Home

By PHOEBE BOWLER FUGITT

Last month, I told you about the organization of the Baptist Home of the District of Columbia, so I thought I'd tell you, this month, about who supervises the home and irons out its many difficulties and problems. We have a board of ten trustees, selected from the best laymen our churches afford, of which board the president of the Board of Lady Managers is also a member. These trustees, whose president is our good friend and legal advisor, Mr. Charles V. Imlay, have the responsibility of the Home building and property, and the management of the endowment fund. Then, we have a Board of Lady Managers, who are appointed from the various churches of the city. These women have charge of all internal affairs of the Home. Anyone who wishes to enter the Home must fill out an application form which she may secure from the board member representing her church. When properly filled out, this application must be given to the Board member, who presents it to the Board of Lady Managers for acceptance or rejection. If the application is accepted, it is placed on file, in the order of receipt, and the applicant will be called before the executive committee of the Board when there is a vacancy in the Home. The applicant must be sixty-five years old and have been a member of a church in the Columbia Convention for at least five years, in order to be eligible.

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Dr. Hersey Davis to Lead Petworth Bible Conference

One of the great Greek scholars of the world is being brought to Washington through the Petworth Baptist Church the week of April 5th through the 10th. Dr. W. Hersey Davis, Professor of New Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, will lead the Bible Conference, the theme of which will be "Back to the Bible." Dr. Davis is the successor of that great scholar of the last generation, Dr. A. T. Robertson, and his coming affords an unusual opportunity to Washington Baptists. A number of Washington ministers have studied under Dr. Davis and will welcome the opportunity to be with him again. There will be morning and evening conferences each day—at 10:30 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. This Bible Conference will take the place of the spring Sunday School Training Course, and those attending the Conference will receive study course credit. Petworth cordially invites the other Baptists of the city to come and enjoy this spiritual treat.

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Fountain Memorial Rejoices

Pastor and people of Fountain Memorial Baptist Church have tangible evidence in the form of a new House of Worship to prove to all that God still answers prayers. This Lighthouse on a hiss has among other attractions, a beautiful mosaic masterpiece which silently witnesses to all who pass by. Depicting Christ in the Garden, it illuminates the darkness and truly draws men to Him. The Sunday School, under the capable leadership of Marvin Walters, is growing so rapidly that more space is urgently needed. Many from a nearby, newly developed and practically unchurched area take advantage of a bus service established to provide them transportation to Church School. An active, ever-developing W.M.U. and B.T.U. program is provided for all. Prayers go up that many from these groups will say to Him, "Here am I Lord, send me."

Baptist Student Union News

By HOWARD REES

The Monday Night Bible Discussion Group has just completed a study of the Gospel of Luke. About a year was spent in careful verse by verse study of this Gospel. Various modern translations are used such as Moffatt, Weymouth, Century, and Montgomery. The best commentaries are employed so as to get the proper interpretation in the scripture verses. It must be emphasized that this study is not a teaching class, but group discussions in units of ten to twelve students. Each unit has a student leader who attempts to assist his fellow student to see the relationship between Bible study and the development of radiant Christian living.

At the next meeting, the groups will begin a study of the Book of Acts. Several points will be stressed constantly:

1. The spirit of the early church
2. The need for a similar zeal today
3. Techniques for developing such a spirit

The Bible Discussion Groups have proved to be of valuable aid in the development of church leaders. Many young people have been won to Christ and many more have learned the full meaning of consecration.

Three students now in the army, two in the South and one in the West, have organized Bible Discussion Groups in the service camps. The reports from these groups have been most encouraging.

The Monday Night Bible Discussion Group meets every second and fourth Monday at First Baptist Church.

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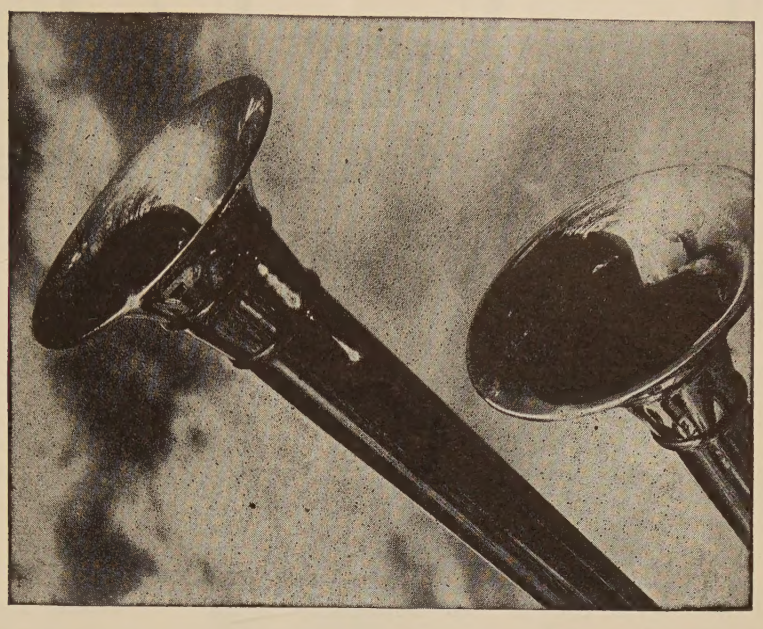
West Washington On the March

West Washington is on the march. We are grateful for three forward steps made in March. 1. The Church Visitors conducted the greatest personal Home Visitation Crusade in the history of the Church. I have a conviction that a faithful visiting church can fill the church pews, and make a minister a better pastor and preacher. 2. The Sunday School officers and teachers agreed upon the following program of objectives for March: Evangelism—Purposeful teaching—Regular attendance—Visitation—Enlistment. BUILDING BETTER CLASSES. Before Easter let us build larger and better classes and church groups by: Attending more regularly, Seeking new members, Making our groups more popular, Improving our methods, Enriching our programs of activities, Showing true loyalty. 3. Much time was given to the ministry of music at each service in March. The adult choir made a fine contribution to the morning worship.



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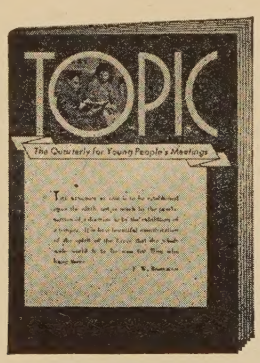

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